

Israelis seize 15,000 dunums of land

AMMAN (Petra) — The Israeli occupation authorities have expropriated 15,000 dunums of Arab land in Dhahiyah village on the outskirts of Hebron after surveying this land a week ago, according to reports reaching here from the occupied West Bank.

The Israeli military governor of Hebron banned the legal owners of these lands from entering the lands saying that the property has been put at the disposal of the Israeli authorities. In Beersheba, Israeli soldiers demolished 15 houses belonging to Arab citizens after stopping water supplies to these houses for several weeks, other reports said. In other developments, dentists advocates, trade union leaders and residents of Hebron staged a sit-in for the last two days in protest against an Israeli decision to deport some of the town's citizens. The protestors lodged a memorandum with the International Red Cross in Jerusalem urging it to intervene.

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Tunisian tourism minister arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — Tunisian Minister of Tourism and Traditional Industries Izzeddin Al Shalabi arrived here on Friday on a several-day official visit to Jordan at the invitation of Minister of Information, Culture, Tourism and Antiquities Mohammad Al Khatib. During the visit Mr. Shalabi and Mr. Khatib will sign a protocol for bilateral cooperation to encourage and expand tourism between Jordan and Tunisia and to exchange experts in the field. The protocol will also deal with the possibility of setting up joint tourism projects. The Tunisian minister will also visit a number of archaeological sites in Jordan.

British minister to visit Mideast

LONDON (Agencies) — British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Timothy Renton is expected to visit Jordan, Syria and Egypt next month, well-informed diplomatic sources were quoted as saying by the Jatar News Agency (JNA). During his visit, the first since he took up his post in a government reshuffle of the British cabinet last summer, Mr. Renton will hold talks with officials in these countries on the Middle East peace process. JNA said, the agency added that Mr. Renton is expected to visit a number of other Middle East countries next year.

U.S. embassy denies reports of planned visit by new envoy

AMMAN (J.T.) — A spokesman for the American embassy denied on Friday reports that new U.S. Mideast envoy William Christopher is due here on Nov. 20. The reports are groundless and the embassy has not been informed on such a visit in the near future, the spokesman told the Jordan Times. Reports carried by Jatar News Agency had said Mr. Christopher was due here for talks with senior officials on means to reactivate the Mideast peace process.

Israeli boats besiege Sidon

TYRE, Lebanon (R) — Israeli gunboats turned back two cargo ships trying to enter this South Lebanese port on Friday, port sources and eyewitnesses said. The port sources identified the vessels as the container ship Georgia and the Mike One, with a cargo of cement, both arriving from Cyprus.

France to join Eurofighter project

BONN (R) — President Francois Mitterrand said Friday that France had reversed its decision to stay out of a project to build a joint European fighter plane and would now take part. Mr. Mitterrand, speaking at a press conference after talks with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, said he had changed his mind as a gesture of his commitment to European cooperation. "If we want to foster this (cooperation) we must show good will. So I said France is ready to take part in the joint plane project," he said.

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King and Queen return after visits to Luxembourg, Paris

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor returned home on Friday after visits to Luxembourg and France where the King won broad European Community (EC) support for Jordanian efforts to achieve Middle East peace and told French President Francois Mitterrand that current peace efforts in the Mideast could provide the last chance to end the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The King also reaffirmed Jordan's stand that the Palestinian people are the major party to the Arab-Israeli conflict and they should be a major party to any solution to the Middle East problem.

In an interview with French Television and the Le Monde newspaper, the King stressed the importance of convening a U.N.-sponsored international conference on the Middle East with the participation of the five permanent members of the Security Council and all parties to the Middle East conflict including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as part of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

held at the Elysee presidential palace, the King told reporters that he told the French leader that current peace efforts represented the last chance to end the Middle East conflict.

The King said that during the three-hour meeting he and Mr. Mitterrand discussed recent developments in the Middle East, including "our realisation that this is a period of time that is of vital importance."

"It's probably the last chance we have of establishing a just and durable peace in the area for generations to come," he said.

The King said Jordan sought a comprehensive settlement that would include all parties to the conflict "including the Palestinian dimension."

"We believe this could happen hopefully in the near future under the auspices of the Security Council," the King said, adding that the Security Council would be responsible for implementing the guarantees for peace.

In reply to a question on Mr. Mitterrand's response to the proposal, the King said Jordan was aware France aimed "to contribute positively to the solution" of Middle East problems.

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Craxi secures full parliament vote of confidence on coalition

ROME (Agencies) — Socialist Premier Bettino Craxi won a vote of confidence on Friday in the Senate, completing parliamentary endorsement of the five-party coalition that was revived after being toppled in the aftermath of the Achille Lauro hijacking.

Mr. Craxi received a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies, the lower house of the legislature, on Wednesday.

The coalition of the Christian Democrats, Socialists, Republicans, Social Democrats and Liberals have a clear majority in both houses.

Senators voted by 180 to 102, with one abstention, to support the Craxi government after the premier toned down, in a 45-minute speech, earlier remarks supporting the right to armed struggle of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The coalition collapsed three weeks ago after the pro-Israel

ity of the PLO's just struggle. In his cable, King Hussein praised Mr. Craxi's "brave and fair stand."

"In my name and on behalf of the Jordanian government and people I congratulate you and your government on the vote of confidence granted to you by the Chamber of Deputies, and I voice my deep appreciation for your brave and fair stand vis-a-vis the Palestine cause and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," the King said.

"I wish you and your colleagues success in your endeavours to serve the Italian people and the causes of freedom and world peace."

In a speech that drew prolonged applause from all coalition parties, Mr. Craxi said Friday he had not meant to offend anyone by his

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Iraqi Airways official killed in Nicosia blast

NICOSIA (Agencies) — The Middle East manager for Iraqi Airways, Walid Ibrahim, died instantly in a bomb blast outside his home Friday, one of two in the Cyprus capital.

Police said Mr. Ibrahim, 43, was killed when his car blew up as he tried to start the engine. He was on his way to investigate an earlier blast outside the Iraqi Airways offices in central Nicosia.

Security sources told Renter the first explosion was caused by a time bomb. Buildings nearby were damaged, but there were no casualties.

Mr. Ibrahim, married with three children, returned to his Cyprus home from Baghdad Thursday night, the sources said. Police and explosives experts were probing both incidents Friday afternoon. No-one has yet claimed responsibility.

A bomb blast in May last year outside Iraqi Airways offices injured four people. Two pro-Iranian Islamic groups later claimed responsibility.

One of them, the "Islamic Action Organisation Group," said the office housed a military mission in charge of shipping arms and supplies to Iraq.

Iraq reports foiling 2 Iranian air raids

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq said on Friday its air defences prevented two Iranian warplanes from raiding residential areas in the northern and southern provinces.

The attempted raids were carried out at 6:30 a.m. (0330 GMT), each raid by two warplanes, a spokesman said.

The Iraqi News Agency said Iraqi air defences "confronted the warplanes... and forced them to fly away before even approaching their targets."

The agency report said the spokesman "stressed that the abortive attempts did not cause any damage (to the Iraqis)." It did not elaborate.

The reported attempts came two days after Iranian President Ali Khamenei threatened to launch an "unprecedented" blow against Iraq in retaliation for air raids on a steel plant and a complex for making light military boats in Ahwaz, capital of Iran's southern province of Khuzestan.

The Iraqi air attacks signalled a determination by Baghdad to broaden the range of strikes on Iranian economic targets with the objective of forcing the Tehran government to accept a negotiated settlement to the 61-month-old Gulf war.

The new attacks also came amid reports that Iran may launch a major Gulf war thrust through southern Iraqi marshland.

Diplomats in Baghdad and Te-

heran believe Iran is gearing for an offensive in the Hawzha marshes area, the scene of a high cross-border Iranian thrust in March last year and almost daily skirmishes now.

Leaders of six Arab Gulf states who ended a three-day summit meeting in Muscat, Oman, on Wednesday agreed to revive contacts with both Iraq and Iran in a new effort to end their war, a senior regional official said in the Omani capital.

Abdullah Bishara, secretary-general of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which groups the six, said: "Various contacts will be taking place very soon with Iraq and Iraq to find out if a proper climate exists to find an end to the war."

In the summit's final communiqué, the leaders of the six — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — expressed concern over "dangerous escalation" of the Gulf war.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan (left) and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad receive His Majesty King Hussein upon his return Friday accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Noor after visiting Luxembourg and France (Petra photos)



His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor after visiting Luxembourg and France (Petra photos)

Arafat reaffirms commitment to joint moves with Jordan

CAIRO (Agencies) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Friday reaffirmed his commitment to negotiate jointly with Jordan on Middle East peace and said his talks in Cairo had restored strong ties with Egypt.

But the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman refused in media interviews to elaborate on a statement he made on Thursday renouncing violence outside Arab territories occupied by Israel.

He reiterated that his "Cairo Declaration" (See page 4) committed the PLO to non-violence outside Israeli-occupied Arab lands, adding only that this meant:

"Palestinian occupied territories, according to United Nations resolutions."

It was not clear whether this meant more than just the West Bank and Gaza Strip, occupied by Israel since 1967. But a top Egyptian official, Osama Baz, said the statement also meant PLO commando operations would not be carried out in Israel itself.

Asked whether Israel itself constituted occupied Arab territory in Egypt's view, Dr. Baz replied: "No, Israel is not part of the occupied Arab territory."

When asked if the declaration meant operations would only be carried out in the West Bank and

Gaza, he replied: "Yes."

Mr. Arafat told Reuters on Friday his next move would be to discuss the Middle East situation with Palestinian leaders.

He said that in talks last month with His Majesty King Hussein "we agreed on stepping forward together and on renewed commitment to the Feb. 11 agreement."

The approach would be based on "international legality and U.N. resolutions and the resolutions of Arab summits," he said.

Mr. Arafat said his eight hours

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U.K. seeks broad talks on arms with Soviets

LONDON (R) — Britain has offered to launch a dialogue with the Soviet Union on aspects of arms control, Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said Friday.

But Mr. Howe said in a speech to parliament that Britain was not ready to negotiate its independent nuclear deterrent until the size of Soviet and U.S. nuclear arsenals had been radically reduced.

Mr. Howe said the offer of a dialogue was contained in a letter from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher delivered to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Thursday.

In it "she welcomed the prospect of a deeper dialogue," Mr. Howe said. But, replying to Mr. Gorbachev's invitation of direct talks with Britain on nuclear weapons, she made it clear there were essential conditions to be fulfilled before the government reviewed its position.

"We must first see radical reductions in the superpower arsenals without any significant change in Soviet defensive capability," Mr. Howe said.

He added, however: "We are ready and willing in future contacts to explore with the Russians the wider aspects of arms control — including the need for increased confidence and greater stability in the East-West relationship."

Mrs. Thatcher had told Mr. Gorbachev the dialogue should take place between Mr. Howe and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze. Mr. Howe said he hoped Mr. Shevardnadze would soon be able to take up an invitation to visit Britain.

The proposal appeared to confirm an improvement in Anglo-Soviet relations following a series of expulsions of alleged spies in September.

Government sources said the proposed dialogue would concentrate on such issues as chemical weapons and verification of arms control agreements.

Mr. Howe said he and Mrs. Thatcher would meet President Reagan immediately after Mr. Reagan's summit meeting with Mr. Gorbachev in Geneva later this month.

Government sources said the meeting would take place in Brussels on Nov. 21, the day after the summit, when Mr. Reagan would meet Western European leaders to brief them on its results.

U.S. officials offer cautious welcome to Arafat pledge

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — U.S. officials have offered a cautious welcome to Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat's renunciation of violence outside occupied Arab lands.

The officials, who asked not to be named, described Mr. Arafat's declaration in Cairo as a positive step but not a major one on the road to peace talks with Israel.

"It is not really a major step," one official said. "We are not sure he has been directly responsible for the violence (outside the occupied territories), so his ability to enforce his declaration is a major question."

Mr. Arafat read what he called "the Cairo Declaration" to reporters on Thursday, renouncing violence outside the occupied territories and promising punishment for transgressors (See page 4).

The U.S. officials said Washington wanted Mr. Arafat to renounce all violence in order to make significant advances towards peace talks.

Jordan, in accordance with the Feb. 11 Jordan-PLO accord, pro-

posed that a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation meet senior U.S. officials as a first step on the road to peace talks at an international conference.

The U.S. officials said Washington accepted that the Palestinian members of the proposed delegation would have to be approved by Mr. Arafat, even though the United States refuses to talk to the PLO until it recognises Israel's right to exist.

"We know Arafat has to give his imprimatur on the list for the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation," one official said.

"The U.S. position is that the Palestinians who go to the table must renounce violence, so if they are going to be sanctioned by Arafat, he had to renounce violence," the official added.

The officials said they believed Mr. Arafat made Thursday's declaration under pressure.

"Basically, he has done what (Egyptian President Hosni) Mubarak was asking him to do. He was getting frustrated by what he sees as random PLO violence," one official said.

American hostages send open appeal to Reagan

BEIRUT (AP) — Four of the missing American hostages in Lebanon appealed to President Ronald Reagan on Friday in a letter sent to the Associated Press bureau in Beirut to negotiate with their kidnappers to secure their freedom.

"There is no alternative," they said in an open letter to Mr. Reagan. "They say they will not be moved and are growing impatient."

"Mr. President, how long do you suppose these people will wait? We have no chance of escaping, and our captors say if any attempt is made to rescue us they and we will all die."

The letter was signed by Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press; a Roman Catholic priest; David Jacobson, director of the American University Hospital in Beirut; and Thomas Sutherland, dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut.

The letter, one of a package of letters from the hostages delivered to the AP, was dated at 1 p.m. (1100 GMT) Friday, the day after anonymous telephone callers in Beirut claimed the hostages had been shot by firing squads.

A.P. staffers identified Anderson's handwriting and signature in the letters.

In a separate letter to the media, signed by all four, the captives said: "We have just been told that someone has claimed that Islamic Jihad has killed all of us."

"Obviously this is not true. Our captors say it was an attempt by the U.S. government to spoil negotiations."

An anonymous caller telephoned a Western news agency in Beirut on Thursday claiming to speak for the fundamentalist group, saying that the hostages were to be killed because negotiations with the United States have "reached a dead end."

Two later calls claimed the hostages had been killed and their bodies dumped in Beirut. But police searches turned up no bodies.

The letters gave no indication where the hostages were being held.

But in the open letter to Mr. Reagan they said: "We are kept in small, damp (two words scratched out) 24 hours a day, without proper exercise, sanitation, fresh air or balanced diet."

"We have only intermittent access to outside news. It is difficult to remain cheerful and optimistic when we see no sign anywhere of progress towards our release."

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Israeli leaders reject Arafat's pledge

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli leaders from both major parties on Friday rejected Palestinian Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat's pledge to refrain from violent attacks outside Israeli-occupied territories.

But one Israeli newspaper quoted unnamed political sources as calling the Cairo declaration a step in the right direction.

Mr. Arafat said on Thursday the PLO would punish those who carried out "all outside operations and all forms of terrorism."

But Mr. Arafat indicated Palestinian commanders would continue to operate inside the Israeli-occupied territories. He said Palestinians had the right to fight against the Israeli occupation in all possible ways with the aim of the withdrawal of the Israeli forces from these lands.

The PLO chairman has been under pressure to publicly renounce "terrorism" as a prelude to Middle East peace talks. A convincing change of policy by Mr. Arafat could remove U.S. objections to the PLO playing a role in the peace process.

But Israel's former ambassador to Washington, Labour Party legislator Simcha Dinitz, said he doubted Mr. Arafat's statement would change U.S. policy.

And Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir summoned U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickens to warn the United States against being "misled by promises of Arab leaders that the PLO was modifying its position." Israel army radio reported.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres has said he does not expect the PLO to give up violence, but his said he was willing to talk with Palestinians who renounced "terrorism."

Shamir, leader of the right wing Likud bloc in the coalition government, was quoted by the daily Maariv and Israel army radio on Friday as saying he found the pledge unacceptable because it amounted to a "support of terrorism against Israel."

"It is permitted to murder Jews, but not to commit terrorist acts in Europe, because that both Jews and Europeans," Shamir contended in the Maariv interview.

In a speech broadcast in part on the radio, Shamir accused the Egyptian government of contravening its 1979 agreement with Israel by housing Mr. Arafat in Cairo. "I don't understand why the Egyptian leaders are not ashamed to be partners in this disgraceful declaration," Shamir said.

An unidentified Peres aide was quoted on Israel Television Thursday night as saying only a "simpleton" would believe Mr. Arafat's pledge not to attack civilian targets.

However, the daily Haaretz said other senior Israeli political sources called Mr. Arafat's announcement an important step towards changing the PLO's position.

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House votes to delay Jordan arms sales

WASHINGTON (R) — A key congressional committee, following the U.S. Senate's lead, has agreed to postpone until 1986 a confrontation with President Reagan over a \$1.9 billion arms sales to Jordan.

The House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee passed a bill prohibiting the sale until March 1 unless Jordan "enters direct and meaningful negotiations with Israel."

The unanimous vote virtually assures that the full House will give final approval to the legislation next Tuesday.

The Senate passed the same measure 97 to one on Oct. 24. Mr. Reagan agreed to sign it into law after being persuaded it was better than an indefinite ban on the sale, which Congress was on the verge of passing and which administration officials feared might have derailed the Middle East peace process.

Mr. Reagan "has been given the gift of time" to pursue negotiations towards peace, said Democratic Representative Robert Torricelli on New Jersey.

Some pro-Israel opponents of the weapons deal prevented the committee from acting last Tuesday because they wanted to make the bill stricter by requiring that if direct and meaningful negotiations are not begun by March 1, Mr. Reagan would have to resubmit the sale proposal to Congress.

Senior U.S. officials had made it clear Mr. Reagan would go ahead with the sale of anti-aircraft weapons and advanced jet fighters after March 1.

But the committee critics were apparently convinced that if the House altered the bill, it stood a poor chance of passing the Senate and winning Mr. Reagan's signature before a legal time limit expires on Nov. 20.

After the sale was formally proposed last month, Congress had 30 days to disapprove of the deal or Mr. Reagan could proceed.

Mr. Reagan pushed hard for an immediate sale, saying Jordan needed the show of U.S. support at a difficult time in Middle East diplomacy.

Israeli-sponsored meeting at U.N. triggers Arab protest

UNITED NATIONS (R) — An Arab League spokesman has charged that an Israeli-sponsored meeting at U.N. headquarters next Sunday would be an abuse of the world organisation's facilities.

Ambassador Clovis Maksoud, the league's U.N. observer, was referring to a gathering billed in Israeli press releases as a "conference on Israel, Zionism and the United Nations" to "repudiate the slander" of a 1975 General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism.

He told a news conference the event, on the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the resolution, would be "an abuse and a violation which, if allowed to go unchecked, would constitute a dangerous precedent."

Mr. Maksoud said he and sev-

eral other Arab envoys had visited Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to protest against what he called the "distortion of the privilege" normally accorded to U.N. delegations of sponsoring meetings.

He compared it to having "an illegal settlement" and a "sort of invasion of Zionism" at U.N. headquarters.

A U.N. spokesman earlier told reporters the secretary general had expressed his concern to Israeli Ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu that advance publicity about the gathering "did not fit

in" with what had been agreed in an exchange of letters last June.

The spokesman said it had been agreed that the meeting would be a seminar on "the United Nations and Israel," with 500 invited guests.

Press releases have referred to it as a conference, with a different title, and said nearly 1,000 participants were expected.

The U.N. spokesman said Netanyahu had given the secretary general assurances that his agreement with the United Nations would be adhered to.

Mr. Maksoud said his delegation had been assured by the U.N. chief that "if the matter continues to be abused, he would undertake to correct the record."

The Arab group would meet on Monday, the day after the mee-

ting, to assess the situation and see what further steps should be taken, he said.

Scheduled speakers at the gathering, in addition to Netanyahu, include United States U.N. Representative Vernon Walters and two of his predecessors, Jeane Kirkpatrick and Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

On Thursday, representatives of the Arab League, Syria, Yemen (North), and Libya called on the secretary general to "express their views" about Sunday's meeting, the U.N. spokesman said.

He declined to say whether they had demanded its cancellation.

But he said Mr. Perez de Cuellar told them he had been assured by the Israeli ambassador that the original conditions for holding the meeting would be respected.

Belgrade rules out ties with Israel

BELGRADE (R) — Yugoslavia has said there was no change in its attitude towards Israel despite reports that the two countries were preparing to re-establish formal diplomatic links.

"There are no changes in Yugoslavia's position towards Israel because all the reasons which caused the break in 1967 still stand," Foreign Ministry Spokesman Zeljko Jelic said in reply to questions by journalists.

The influential daily newspaper, Vjesnik, in a commentary that appeared to have been sanctioned at a high-level, argued Thursday that a renewal of diplomatic relations would give Yugoslavia more influence in the Middle East.

A re-establishment of ties would not signal any change in Yugoslavia's non-aligned policy

or any switch of support from the Palestinian and Arab cause, it said.

The newspaper article followed reports from the Middle East and Moscow that Israel may be poised to improve ties with the Soviet Union and its allies.

Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said recently that an East European country in the Soviet Bloc was about to improve ties with Israel, but did not identify the country involved.

Although not a member of the Soviet Bloc, Yugoslavia, like most of Moscow's East European allies severed ties with Israel during the 1967 Middle East war.

Arguing that renewed ties with Israel would allow Belgrade to have more influence on Middle East developments, Vjesnik said:

"Not even the best policy can pass over broken bridges."

"If Yugoslavia established relations with Israel it might help there to be more non-alignment in the Middle East than is the case so far."

Vjesnik said renewed ties would allow Yugoslavia "to support the interests of all people living in and around Israel." But it suggested there would be no compromise on policy towards Israel.

"If someone recognises someone else, it does not mean that it supports everything that it (the other party) is doing," the newspaper said.

Yugoslavia pursues a strongly pro-Arab policy in the Middle East, urging full respect for the rights of the Palestinians and attacking what it routinely calls Israel's "aggressive" policies.

40 per cent of Israelis favour Palestinian state

TEL AVIV (R) — Just over 40 per cent of Israelis favour the principle of an independent state for the Palestinians, and 30 per cent believe it should be established in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to an opinion poll.

The poll, taken by the Public Opinion Research Institute and published in Friday's independent Haaretz newspaper, showed that 40.8 per cent of those questioned said they were in principle in favour of the Palestinians having a state of their own.

Thirty per cent said it should be established on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, "on condition that they (the Palestinians) recognise Israel and stop all hostile activities."

But 61.1 per cent were opposed to a Palestinian state in the occupied areas "even if the Palestinians recognise Israel and abandon hostile actions."

The poll was taken among a sample of 1,200 men and women throughout Israel.

On Thursday, another poll published in Haaretz said Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres' Labour Party has stretched its lead over right-wing rivals but still lacks the backing to form a narrow-based government.

The survey showed Labour and left-of-centre allies would poll 45.4 per cent of the vote in a general election. The Likud Bloc and right-wing parties had a combined total of 32.5 per cent.

The poll took place amid speculation Mr. Peres may break up his present coalition with Likud, which has been rocked by rows over Middle East peace moves, and call an early election.

According to the survey, Labour's backing has increased by three per cent since the July, 1984.

Israel closes Arab theatre over protest

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli military authorities closed an Arab theatre in east Jerusalem to stop a meeting protesting against the expulsion of four Palestinians, describing it as an anti-Israeli gathering.

The military, which has expelled 21 Palestinians to Jordan since September in a bid to root out commando attacks, said the four men were active members of commando groups.

The four Palestinians appealed to Israel's supreme court, which issued a temporary restraining order barring their expulsion until a military committee reviews accusations against them.

In another incident the Israeli

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin Wednesday ordered the closure of a magazine for Jewish settlers on the West Bank for saying the government would face a revolt if it traded captured Arab land for peace.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said the magazine Alet Yed was violating Israeli laws against incitement and operating without a licence.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres criticised the settlers in Parliament Wednesday, saying: "They have taken upon themselves the legislative role of the Knesset (parliament) to determine what is lawful and unlawful in Israel."

About 40,000 Jews and

800,000 Palestinians live in the West Bank, which Israel captured from Jordan in 1967.

Rabin acted on the recommendation of Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir, after an article in the newsletter called on the 45,000 settlers to prepare themselves spiritually for armed insurrection.

Craxi wins confidence vote

(Continued from page 1) remarks on Wednesday. He referred to Israel as a friendly country and said Italy believed in rights for all parties in the Middle East.

Leading senators from the five coalition partners met before Friday's session to agree on a resolution approving Mr. Craxi's speech. This formed the motion voted on at the end of the debate.

The resolution essentially summarised last week's policy document that smoothed over differences between the five parties.

The Republicans had withdrawn from the government in protest at a decision to release Palestinian leader Mohammad Abbas (Abu Abbas), alleged by the United States to have masterminded the seizure of the Achille Lauro.

Mr. Craxi presented the government's resignation to president Francesco Cossiga next day but Mr. Cossiga later rejected it and asked Mr. Craxi to try to revive his coalition, which took office in August 1983.

Before Mr. Craxi spoke, Senate leaders of the five parties adopted another declaration which reaffirmed the earlier policy statement, stressing the need for "an overall, just and peaceful solution" of the Middle East crisis.

It also called for an "adequate" role for the PLO provided it follows the road of peaceful negotiations.

In his speech, Mr. Craxi pledged that he will "scrupulously" adhere to the policy declaration. Explaining his earlier statement on the PLO's right to armed struggle, Mr. Craxi said "I just wanted to say that in trying times oppressed people seeking to obtain independence... the protagonists, driven by both ideal and desperation, sometimes employ methods not very orthodox."

The PLO on Thursday praised Mr. Craxi for defending the legitimate armed struggle of the Palestinians against Israel.

King, Queen return

(Continued from page 1) Presidential spokesman Michel Vauzelle said Paris was ready to take part in an international conference held under U.N. auspices if this was the formula chosen by parties to the conflict.

France was ready to use its influence with all parties involved to help the peace process, the spokesman said.

During a visit to Paris a fortnight ago, Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres said France's good relations with both Israel and the Arab World put it in a position to play a vital role in bringing about peace.

French officials said the government was consulting its friends in the Arab World to examine how best to boost peace efforts.

External Relations Minister Roland Dumas visited Iraq last week and is due to fly to Israel this month as part of these consultations.

The King and Mr. Mitterrand also discussed the latest developments of the Iran-Iraq war and both leaders stressed the need for concerted endeavours to end the war, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

Relations and ways of strengthening them in all fields, were also discussed during the meeting, Petra said.

Mr. Mitterrand and his wife hosted a lunch on Thursday in honour of King Hussein and Queen Noor. The banquet was attended by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Jassem, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masi and Jordanian Ambassador in Paris Youssef Boran. The banquet was att-

ended on the French side by Mr. Dumas and a number of senior French officials as well as French Ambassador to Jordan Patrick Leclercq.

During his visit to Paris, the King also met Massoud Rajavi, leader of Iran's Mujaheddin-e-Khalq resistance movement, and held talks with him on the latest developments in the Middle East, particularly the Iran-Iraq war.

A statement from the Mujaheddin said the meeting took place Wednesday night. Mr. Rajavi told the King that peace has been possible in the war for a long time, but that the regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was using the conflict as a means of diverting attention from the internal crisis in Iran.

The statement said the King emphasised the necessity of ending the war and expressed regret at the continuing loss of life.

During his Nov. 4-6 visit to Luxembourg, where he and the Queen were guest of the Grand Duke Jean and Grand Duchess Josephine Charlotte, the King addressed the Luxembourg Parliament and held talks with Prime Minister Jacques Santer and Foreign Minister Jacques Poos, Luxembourg is the current president of the EC.

Mr. Poos, talking to reporters after talks with King, said the EC supported a four-point Middle East peace plan, which he said was outlined by the King. The plan, according to Mr. Poos, involves eventual recognition of Israel by the PLO and an international conference to work out a settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Libya to fight U.S. on its own ground

TRIPOLI (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has threatened to fight the United States on its own ground if Washington really planned to topple him as alleged in a U.S. newspaper.

He was referring to a Washington Post article last Saturday that President Reagan had approved a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) plan to start a covert operation against him.

"If the report is true, then we have to fight, subvert America from the inside by using all means available," Col. Qadhafi said Thursday in an interview with U.S.

television.

Earlier, he told a news conference the alleged CIA plan could only be interpreted as an assassination plot against him, "because I have no authority to be toppled. I am not a president or a prime minister... it can only mean physical liquidation."

He said if Reagan condoned such actions, he would be guilty of "serious violation of the law" and he should be tried under American law.

Col. Qadhafi would not elaborate on how he planned to carry his fight to the United States nor

would he reveal what action, if any, Libya planned to take against Washington.

He said he had no fight against the American people themselves, but "you just cannot talk or reason with the American government."

Col. Qadhafi, wearing a flowing white robe with gold braiding, spoke to reporters at the heavily fortified military barracks at Bab Al Azaziyah, scene of an attack by gunmen in May 1984 in what was believed to have been a coup attempt staged by disgruntled members of the military.

Shaka'a: Most West Bankers support compromise

NABLUS, West Bank (R) — A Palestinian leader said Friday that most Palestinians in the West Bank were so fed up with Israeli occupation that they would accept almost any compromise to break the Arab-Israeli deadlock.

Bassam Shaka'a, the deposed mayor of Nablus, said he viewed the Jordan-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) accord to make peace with Israel in exchange for occupied territory as one such compromise.

Only a minority of Palestinians in the West Bank thought compromise would divide Palestinians

and benefit Israel, said Mr. Shaka'a, who lost both legs when Israeli terrorist blew up his car in 1980.

He declined direct comment on PLO leader Yasser Arafat's statement in Cairo Thursday limiting Palestinian attacks against Israel to the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israeli authorities dismissed Mr. Shaka'a in 1982 from his post as mayor of Nablus, a town of 100,000 people and a major Palestinian nationalist centre.

Mr. Shaka'a told reporters at his home: "It is true. Perhaps 70 per cent of West Bankers are so fed up

with the situation that they are ready for nearly any compromise with the Israelis."

The former mayor steers away from active politics but is known to be an influence on hard-liners in Palestinian universities and one of the few leaders to believe that Mr. Arafat and the PLO are too moderate.

The English-language edition of the Palestinian weekly Al-Fajr said Friday that there would be no lasting Middle East peace until Israel agreed to the PLO participation in the negotiating process.

seek support for building more West Bank settlements, claimed plans for the talks had gone ahead after Israel worked out a secret agreement with Jordan for joint Israeli-Jordanian administration in West Bank lands captured by Israel in 1967.

Weiss' organisation is sharply at odds with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS	
* The first painting exhibition by artist Ibrahim Hiyat at the Housing Bank Complex (until Nov. 15).	
* Soviet book exhibition at the Holiday Inn Hotel (until Nov. 11).	
* An art exhibition by British artist Martin Savage at the Jordan International Hotel Gallery.	
* An art exhibition by Ibrahim Shalabi at the French Cultural Centre (until Nov. 16).	
* A book exhibition on "Women in the Contemporary World" at the American Centre (until Nov. 13).	
VIDEO	
* "Video chamon" "Rocail Gilbert Becaud" at 4:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.	
THEATRE	
* "Aspects of Forster" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Royal Cultural Centre in cooperation with the British Council.	
FILM	
* German film for children entitled "Der Gestic" at 4:30 p.m. at the Gestic Institute.	
CULTURAL CENTRES	
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20:05	Frankfurt (LH)
20:25	Baghdad (RJ)

DEPARTURES

06:30	Damascus, Frankfurt (LH)
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15:00	UAE, starting pound 33.62/540.5
15:05	U.S. dollar 372.8/375.9
21:15	Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)

WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

It will be partly cloudy to cloudy. A drop in temperature is expected, with scattered showers. Westerly moderate winds will become fresh. In Aqaba, it will be partly cloudy. Northerly moderate winds will become southerly moderate and calm sea will change to rough.

Low high temperature in deg. C

Amman	13/22
Aqaba	18/30
Desert	12/24
Jordan Valley	17/29

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 36, Aqaba 31. Humidity readings: Amman 33 per cent, Aqaba 32 per cent.

MONEY EXCHANGE

	Thursday rates	Local sell/buy rates in fils
Bahraini dinar	979	1000
Dutch guilder	127.27	128.2
Egyptian ginea	214/4	222
French franc	47.11	47.5
Iraqi dinar	339/	370
Japanese yen (for 100)	181.1	182.5
Kuwaiti dinar	1279	1289
Lebanese lira	20/	24
Omani rial	1079/	1091
Saudi rial	102/	105
Saudi rial	102/	105
Swedish crown	47.7/	48.1
Swiss franc	174.3/	175.7
Syrian rial	27/	31
UAE dirham	102/	104
U.K. sterling pound	536.2/	540.5
U.S. dollar	372.8/	375.9
W. German mark	143.5/	144.6

Mother, son hang for first degree murder

AMMAN (J.T.) — The criminal court Thursday carried out a death sentence by hanging a woman and her son. This was the first execution of a woman in Jordanian history and the first of a man under 20 years old, according to a report in Al Ra'i Arabic daily newspaper Friday.

The report said Sihani Zayid Elayan and her son Asri were convicted of first degree murder for killing the woman's husband, Zaid Mohammad Elayan, earlier this year. Mother and son were taken from their cells, both dressed in red, at 4:30 a.m. and said that their last wish on earth was to have God's forgiveness. The hanging then took place.

The husband was reportedly strangled to death with a piece of rope whilst sleeping in his house in a village in the north of the Kingdom. According to the report, the murder was instigated when

the husband registered a piece of his land in the name of a son from his first marriage, thereby incurring the wrath of the second wife and the other children.

The second wife, aged 40, incited her children to strangle their father while sleeping and the murder was carried out on Jan. 5, 1985. A daughter (H) brought a piece of rope to the son (Asri) who made a knot and, with the help of his mother, put it around the man's neck. The wife and her daughter held one end of the rope and the two brothers (Asri and H) held the other end pulling hard until the father died.

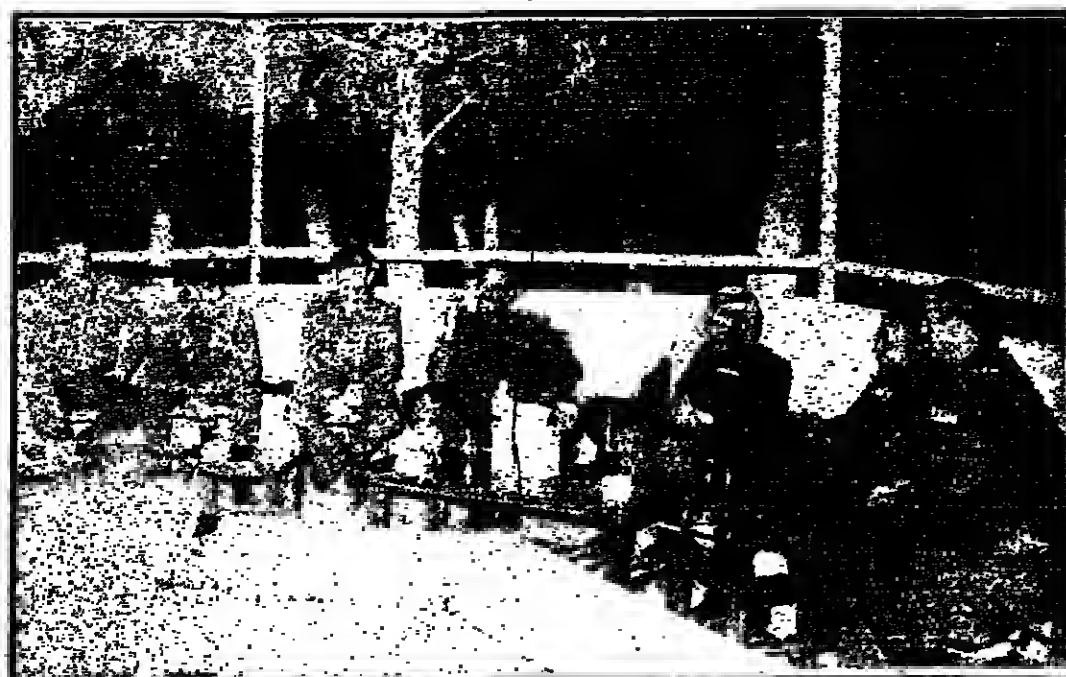
In an attempt to conceal the crime, they dressed the victim and moved the body to a place about one kilometre from their home. On the evening of Jan. 6, the body was found and the police conducted a thorough investigation to identify the murderers.

Police find mutilated body

AMMAN (J.T.) — Amman police have found the mutilated body of a man in the Zarqa car complex near the old municipality building in the capital.

A report in Al Ra'i Arabic daily newspaper quoted a police spokesman as saying that the body of the unidentified man was cut into three parts, each placed in a separate bag. The first bag, police said, contained the legs, the second the arms and the third the

head and other parts of the body. Another man was killed by a bullet when he, his wife and other people rushed to help a man and his two wives whose car overturned while it was travelling from Hisban to Madaba. After fighting the overturned vehicle, the wife found a pistol inside the car and as she lifted it, a bullet was accidentally fired, killing her husband.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Thursday makes a night inspection visit to the Fifth Royal Armoured Division.

Jordan to host regional centre for training in housing fields

TUNIS (J.T.) — Jordan has been entrusted by the Arab Housing Ministers Council to host a regional training centre for housing and construction personnel in cooperation with the United Nations Centre for Population Settlements.

The decision was made at the conclusion of the council's meeting in Tunis which was attended by Arab ministers of housing and construction. Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Marwan Hmoud represented Jordan at the meeting.

According to Mr. Hmoud, the new centre, to be established in Amman, will hold training courses for personnel employed in the housing and construction fields in the Arab World. One such course was held in Amman in April and the next will be held in the coming year, the minister said. Mr. Hmoud said that the Jordanian government has already spent more than \$100,000 on the establishment of the centre in Jordan.

Mr. Hmoud earlier addressed the council on the need to support housing schemes in the occupied Arab territories and urged Arab countries to increase their cooperation in housing affairs.

The minister was accompanied by an official delegation which included Housing Corporation Director Shafiq Zawaideh.

Prince Hassan visits armoured division, Al Bashir hospital

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, paid night inspection visits to units of the Fifth Royal Armoured Division where he met with officers and troops. Prince Hassan was briefed on the night duties and activities performed by the troops.

Early Thursday morning Prince Hassan paid an inspection visit to Al Bashir Government Hospital in Amman where he met with doctors and officials. He was briefed on the medical services offered to the public and he inspected facilities for the treatment of cancer patients at the hospital.

Joint committee spends \$122m to preserve Jerusalem's identity

KUWAIT (J.T.) — The Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee for supporting the steadfastness of inhabitants in the occupied territories has spent \$122 million since its establishment five years ago on maintaining the Arab identity of the occupied city of Jerusalem and on efforts to stop Israeli plans to Judaize the city and obliterate its Arab and Islamic identity, the committee's secretary general, Dr. Fuad Bseisi said Thursday.

In an interview with the Kuwaiti daily newspaper Al Siyassah, Dr. Bseisi said that the allocations for Jerusalem are approximately 24.4 per cent of the \$436 million allocation for the occupied territories. Speaking about Israeli plans to Judaize the Arab city of Jerusalem, Dr. Bseisi pointed out that the Israeli occupation authorities have been planning to

seize Arab lands and to expel Arab inhabitants. Dr. Bseisi continued that the Israeli plans are primarily designed to swallow the Arab city and he added that Israel has announced the annexation of Jerusalem, dissolved its municipal council and embarked on measures to completely Judaize the city.

In Amman, the Arabic daily newspaper Al Dustour said that the Israeli occupation authorities are planning to demolish the Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem and to build Sulaiman's temple on the site. The Israeli authorities are also studying a proposal presented by a Jewish rabbi which suggested allowing Jewish people to perform pilgrimage to Jabal Al Bayt. In the Al Aqsa mosque courtyard and allowing them to hold religious ceremonies there, the paper added.

Rebel leader urges Arab support for Eritrea

By Sa'ad G. Hattar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A prominent Eritrean rebel leader said Thursday his group had appealed to the United States and the Soviet Union to find a peaceful solution to the 24-year-old Eritrean problem during the planned summit between the two superpowers, scheduled for Nov. 19-20 in Geneva. Copies of the appeal to U.S. President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev were distributed to the press by chairman of the executive committee of the Eritrean Liberation Front-United Organisation, Osman Saleh Sabbe, currently visiting Amman.

The absence of a peaceful solution to the problem has aggravated the situation in the Red Sea and the Horn of Africa and could lead to further destruction, Mr. Sabbe told a press conference on Thursday.

He contended that the 1950 U.N. resolution relevant to the Eritrean problem was against the will and interests of Eritreans as it called for the annexation of Eritrea. The annexation and a federation with Ethiopia was by no means favoured by the people of Eritrea, Mr. Sabbe said. The federation was illegally annulled in 1962, he continued.

The front, grouping three Eritrean liberation factions, has been seeking to formulate a delegation to negotiate with the Ethiopian government in order to arrive at a political solution to the conflict, he said. Mr. Sabbe urged Arab countries to meet the front's military and financial needs to support the Eritrean struggle for an independent homeland.

Mr. Sabbe, who earlier visited Sudan, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Iraq, said that the Arab countries' contributions to Eritrea do not meet the increasing threat of drought and the slack economy. However, some Arab countries have expressed willingness to extend help to drought-stricken Eritrea and others have done their share, Mr. Sabbe continued.

He paid tribute to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for the campaign he launched to collect financial and in-kind contributions to help the Sudanese people overcome the conditions of drought affecting Sudan. He said

that part of the aid was allocated for Eritrean immigrants in Sudan. Mr. Sabbe said he also appreciated the Crown Prince's visit to Eritrean refugee camps in Sudan which accommodate more than 130,000 refugees. Regarding the impact of the drought on Eritrea, Mr. Sabbe said more than 30,000 people have died during the last two years.

In reference to Eritrea's relations with Arab countries, he said that most Arab countries have shown keen interest in helping Eritrea. In the course of Mr. Sabbe's tour of the region, he met with Acting Foreign Minister Hazem Nuseibeh and Minister of Information Mohammad Khalib to discuss organised moves which could help solve the Eritrean problem both politically and economically.

On Eritrean-Sudanese relations, Mr. Sabbe said that current terms are better than when president Numeiri was in power. The new ruling military council in Sudan has strengthened relations with Eritrea and furthermore the council is mediating to find an end to the on-going war between the two countries, he concluded.

Comic predicaments in a universal language

By Olga Mikhael
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Gestures without words, the movement of the body and facial expressions are the means used to convey characters and the story of silent theatrical entertainment in "Manitou," to be presented today at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman.

The burlesque mime performance by French comedians Yves Riou and Philippe Pouchain is an activity organised by the French Embassy in Jordan in cooperation with the Royal Cultural Centre and the Association of French Women in Jordan.

Using the international language of the body to make the comic predicaments of the farces intelligible to the Jordanian audience, the French duo will present a revelation of the French festival "Printemps de Bourges," an annual variety event dedicated to young French authors and composers.

Pantomime as a theatrical art form flourished first in Rome during the reign of the Emperor Augustus. It was called "Pantomimus" meaning imitator of all things, a term that applied to both the art form and the performer. In France, dramatic ballet, "Ballet d'Action," was introduced by choreographer Jean George Noverre in 1750. The French innovator banished the geometric configuration of the court ballet and had his dancers narrate mythological stories in dumb shows. Another impetus came in 1819, when Jean Caspard Deburau invented the character of Pierrot in the Parisian Theatre des Funambules. Pierrot, a creation of the romantic age and today a classical mime character, is an emaciated figure: white-robed, pale-faced lover over able to fulfil his dreams.

Classical mime steps have to be mastered as much as a part of the mime repertoire as the Arabesque is of a ballet. As a complement to mime, ballet is studied to cultivate grace, rhythm and control. In mime, the necessity of translating an idea into effective

mime makes it the unique feature that makes it one of the most challenging of all the performing arts. Not only must the mime have skills, but also perception, imagination, intelligence and a sense of theatre. With all these qualifications Riou and Pouchain are expected to successfully create and execute their show for the Jordanian public. Using gags, the twinkling of their eyes and facetious mimics, the popular French pantomimists will relate the story of two angels descending from heaven. At the beginning, the angels' relationship with each other is friendly and warm but later they become openly hostile and strive without mercy to divide the world between them.

Parliament meets today for discussions on reply to King's inaugural speech

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament will hold separate sessions Saturday to discuss speeches prepared by special committees entrusted with forging Parliament's reply to the speech from the throne delivered by His Majesty King Hussein at the official reconvening of Parliament last Saturday.

Both the Lower and Upper Houses, which met separately following the official inauguration, formed their special committees to draft their Houses' replies to King Hussein's inaugural speech. The committees discussed Jordan's stand vis-a-vis latest political developments in the Middle East and the progress and development the Jordanian government has achieved under the wise leadership of King Hussein.

The Upper House committee includes senators Bahjat Al Talhouqi, Khalil Al Salem and Akram Zaitar, while the Lower House committee comprises deputies Abdul Baqi Gammo, Rizk Al Bataineh, Youssef Al Aham, Ahmad Al Kofahi, Fawzi Shaker Al Tou'ameh, Salman Al Udhah, Mufid Al Mubaslat and Mohammad Zouweich.

Both Houses are also expected to elect delegations to accompany the speakers of Parliament to deliver the Houses' reply to the King at the Royal Court. In addition to the reply speech, the Lower House of Parliament is expected to discuss a number of draft laws during today's session.

On Thursday, Lower House Speaker Akel Al Fayed announced that the House will have Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to nominate candidates for four West Bank constituency seats which became vacant due to the death of four deputies. The late deputies were: Tulkarm deputy Sharif Al Jubaj, Hebron deputy Ahmad Sidqi Al Ja'abari, Ramallah deputy Issa Akel and Nablus deputy Abdul Ra'ouf Al Faris.

To date more than 40 candidates have nominated themselves by publishing advertisements in the local Arabic

dailies. The election of the four constituency representatives will be the second procedural act by the House during their third ordinary session. The House formed four permanent committees in charge of financial, legal, administrative and foreign affairs matters and four temporary sub-committees to take care of the House's agriculture, education, occupied territories affairs and tourism and expatriates affairs.

At the start of each ordinary session the House forms its permanent committees and also forms its sub-committees according to the subjects of draft laws and amendments the House is expected to discuss during its four-month-long ordinary session.

Lower House Speaker Akel Al Fayed, who has held the post for the past two terms of Parliament, was re-elected speaker for the third ordinary session. Mr. Al Fayed, who was the only contender for the post, won with a majority of 42 votes out of the 55 deputies present with 13 absences.

Permanent committees

The House, which elected deputies to serve in the four permanent committees last Tuesday, Thursday announced the names of deputies who made up the four temporary sub-committees.

The following deputies were elected to form the House's tourism and expatriate affairs committee: Farah Abu Jabr, Fouad Kakhkha, Zuhair Al Hussein, Fawzi Tou'ameh, Mifteh Al Qurtallah, Mohammad Abdullah, Nazih Ammarin, Abdullah Al Akaleh.

Atti Abu El'izz, Youssef Al Aham, Faisal Ibn Jazi, Jalal Al alah, Daoud Suleiman, Amin Majaj, Edward Khamis and Hafez Abdul Nabhi.

The House's agriculture committee groups deputies: Fawzi Tou'ameh, Mifteh Al Qurtallah, Rizk Al Bataineh, Mohammad Abdullah, Ahmad Al Kofahi, Salman Al Udhah, Jalal alah, Abdul Wahab Al Tarawneh, Nazih Ammarin, Faisal Ibn Jazi, Daoud Suleiman, Fayyad Jarrar, Zian Younis and Khaled Al Fayyad.

The House's occupied territories affairs committee groups: Laith Shheilal, Farah Abu Jabr, Mifteh Al Qurtallah, Yacoub Mu'ammur, Rizk Al Bataineh, Ahmad Al Kofahi, Salman Al Udhah, Nazih Ammarin, Abdullah Al Akaleh, Atti Abu El'izz, Youssef Al Aham, Faisal Ibn Jazi, Daoud Suleiman, Fouad Farraj, Mohammad Zuweich, Edward Khamis, Ramadan Al Hajeh, Ribhi Mustapha, Mohammad Abu Sabha, Ismail Al Hijazi, Hafez Abdul Nabhi, Mufid Al Mubaslat, Hifei Melehes, Fayyad Jarrar, Ma'rouf Rabbah, Ziad Younis, Khaled Al Fayyad, Musa Abu Gosh and Ali Al Rumahi.

The House's education committee groups deputies: Abdel Baqi Gammo, Laith Shheilal, Farah Abu Jabr, Zuhair Al Hussein, Fawzi Tou'ameh, Mifteh Al Qurtallah, Yacoub Mu'ammur, Rizk Al Bataineh, Mohammad Abdullah, Ahmad Al Kofahi, Salman Al Udhah, Nazih Ammarin, Abdullah Al Akaleh, Atti Abu El'izz, Daoud Suleiman, Fouad Farraj, Mohammad Zuweich, Edward Khamis, Ismail Al Hijazi, Hafez Abdul Nabhi, Mufid Al Mubaslat, Musa Abu Gosh and Ribhi Mustapha.

According to the House's internal law, each deputy is entitled to be a member in two of the House's permanent committees, while the total number of deputies to form each of the permanent committees should not exceed 15. Membership in the House's temporary sub-committees is granted to each deputy as these committees are established according to the House's discussions of expected draft laws and amendments.

GFJW, schools mark King's 50th birthday

AMMAN (J.T.) — All government departments and public institutions will be closed on Thursday Nov. 14, His Majesty King Hussein's 50th birthday, according to an announcement by the Prime Ministry. On the occasion, celebrations will be held around the country in which all private and public sectors will take part.

The Royal Jordanian Falcons have announced they will be participating in the celebrations by presenting aerial displays between Nov. 11 and Nov. 14 in Amman, Ma'an, Aqaba, Salt, Irbid, Zarqa and Mafrqa.

The General Federation of Jordanian Women (GFJW) Thursday organised a special celebration in Sweileh which was attended by Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Hazem Nuseibeh who

deputed for Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai. Dr. Nuseibeh made a speech at the celebration highlighting the many achievements realised in Jordan under King Hussein's reign and he pointed out the government's programmes designed to raise social and educational standards in the country.

The celebrations included national songs and folklore performances by school children, a painting exhibition on Jordan's traditional and folk life and a show of national costumes. Towards the end of the celebration, Dr. Nuseibeh distributed diplomas to graduates of training courses in dress-making and first aid which had been organised by the GFJW in Sweileh.

Also on the occasion of the King's birthday, the girls school at

Taharbour held a celebration attended by Mrs. Ina'am Al Mufli, private advisor to Her Majesty Queen Noor. Mrs. Mufli made a speech outlining progress in educational standards achieved in the country under King Hussein's reign. The celebration included national songs and dances.

Another celebration to mark the occasion was held by the Dul-eil girls school in Zarqa. The celebration included a cross-country competition in which 70 contestants took part, and the winners received medals and awards from the director of the education department in Zarqa.

On Nov. 14, Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawadheh will host a special dinner in honour of King Hussein.

Arafat reaffirms commitment

(Continued from page 1)

of private talks here this week with President Hosni Mubarak had achieved important results. "Egyptian-Palestinian relations are very strong," he added.

The PLO leader came to Cairo to heal a rift caused by the hijack by Palestinians last month of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro off Egyptian coast and by comments from senior PLO members criticising Egypt's handling of the incident.

PLO spokesman Ahmad Abdul Rahman meanwhile told reporters the PLO "is ready to consider conditions presented by the different parties to convene an international conference in return for safeguarding the rights of the Palestinian people."

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid said Mr. Arafat's Cairo statement was an important step and had set the PLO firmly on a path towards negotiated Middle East peace.

"This clear and public PLO stance will promote the peace process and prove to the world that the PLO is keen to condemn terrorism," Mr. Abdul Meguid told journalists.

Mr. Arafat, who is expected to leave Cairo on Saturday, attended a Soviet embassy reception Thursday night and took time out on Friday to visit the widow and son of late Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser.

The PLO leader arrived here on Monday for his second confirmed visit in two years to Egypt. Commenting on a four-stage Mideast plan, which Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jacques Poos

said was outlined to him by King Hussein during his visit the Grand Duchy earlier this week, Mr. Arafat said on Wednesday he had not discussed this matter with the King.

Mr. Poos said Tuesday the King had told him of the plan during talks in Luxembourg on Tuesday. He said it involved an eventual recognition of Israel by the PLO and the holding of an international Middle East peace conference.

Asked to comment on the plan, Mr. Arafat said on Wednesday: "I did not discuss this matter with His Majesty." But when pressed to comment specifically on whether he would agree to give Israel an explicit recognition as reported by Mr. Poos, he said:

"What I am offering is this: let us go to the negotiating table without preconditions, no international conference under the United Nations flag."

Mr. Arafat was speaking in an interview with Visnews, the international television news agency. Excerpts from the interview was carried by Reuters.

"Why only preconditions for the Palestinians? I have special preconditions, first the right of the

Palestinians to return to their homeland and self-determination for the Palestinian people," Mr. Arafat said.

But the PLO chairman reiterated his commitment to the Feb. 11 accord.

"We have declared that we are committed to it. His Majesty King Hussein declared the same. We think it is the strong foundation for this peace process," he said.

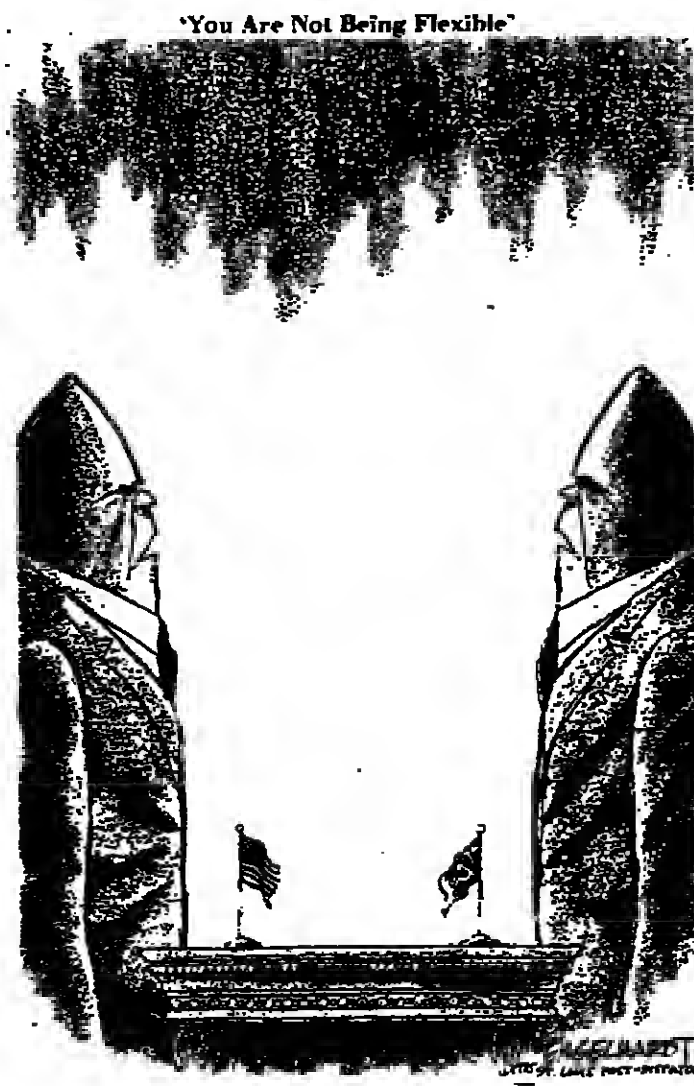
Following Mr. Arafat's statement renouncing violence outside the occupied territories on Thursday, Nabil Sha'ath, a senior PLO official who was mentioned as a member of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation for talks with the U.S., said Thursday:

"We reiterate to the world the difference between terrorism and armed struggle... the difference between terrorism and the right of the Palestinian people to struggle."

After Thursday's declaration, spokesman Abdul Rahman said the PLO expected Washington "to quickly reassess its anti-PLO campaign."

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CHANNEL 6 PREVIEW

Birthday tribute highlights week's viewing

By J.H. Boteler

ANOTHER WEEK, another dollar. But not, of course, a week like any other, culminating as it does with the festivities commemorating His Majesty King Hussein's 50th birthday. And JTV are also playing their part, with a special "birthday tribute" and a delightful feature film. All in good time though; first we start with:

Comedies

Two of these can be dealt with very easily, since they have been held over from last week, when they were preempted by extended news programmes. To those who are about to blurt that they did not read this column last week, I am tempted to reply: Tough buns, but I will be charitable, and briefly recap: It's Your Move (tonight), has the godfather of juvenile delinquents, Matthew Barton, coming his teachers into giving him advance notification of exam questions, and The Lucy Arnaz Show, Tuesday, has Lucy putting the kibosh on friend Larry's attempts to become the Bob Dylan of the eighties. Incidentally, and apropos of nothing whatsoever, has anyone noticed that all the big news stories, necessitating extended coverage, seem to occur on Tuesdays? Lucy Arnaz has been given the elbow twice already this week, while in the last one "Kate And Allie" was kept off the screens for six weeks in succession. Perhaps that "Divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will," also takes an especial interest in Tuesdays; whatever the reason, it certainly is a mystifying coincidence. Anyway, I must stop daydreaming, and press on. More confusion and traumas for Tom in Chance In A Million (Sunday); this week gangland bosses, parading eyes of Thames News, (an investigative local news programme of the London commercial JTV channel), all conspire to force Tom and Allison to spend the night in a cabin cruiser parked in the

street. If I was love-struck Alison though, I wouldn't get too excited: Tom Chance does seem to be remarkably oblivious of what is going on around him. However, if she does have long term plans concerning her own and Tom's marital status, she should take a quick look at Three Up, Two Down on Monday. If I didn't know better, I'd swear that Sam and Daphne were married. The way they carry on at each other it certainly looks like it. Generally snide and nasty as Daphne is, I have to admit that I was in full support of her in one instance last week. Stuffing the fridge with half-chewed and decomposing snakes has to figure fairly high in the honours list of etiquette no-nos, and bluff, honest and genial Sam had better cease this practice forthwith. It is simply not on. In fact he should give up the whole notion of taxidermy. Its too fraught with disaster. One can understand why Daphne is not too keen on him meeting her friends. A mass gathering of the clans in

Three's Company on Wednesday this week, with Cindy inviting Jack, Teri and Janet down to her aunt's ranch. Doubtless there will be lots of crude jokes concerning saddle-sores. Finally, Sara on Friday concerns itself with the subject of wife-beating. Quite how this subject will be interesting to see, perhaps this is why one of the distinguishing features of this programme is the absence of a laughter-track.

Documentaries

Also held over from last week owing to His Majesty the King's opening of parliament was the episode of Antomania, entitled "Car Crazy". This will be shown tonight instead and, to be brief, looks at the bad effects that the automobile has had on the Third World. (It also looks at the weird and wonderful things that Filipinos have done to surplus U.S. army Jeeps). The Way Of the

Warrior, (Sunday), concentrates this week on "Karate — The Way Of The Empty Hand". Its focus is the Okinawan master Morio Higsonna, Black Belt of the 7th Dan. Through years of solitary training and relentless dedication he has become a fighting master of incredible skills whose Kata performances — sets of pre-arranged movements of varying complexity — are outstanding. He is a leading teacher of Karate and heads a world-wide network of Goju Ryu — the style of Karate concentrated on in this programme — clubs. Monday night's Benjamin Franklin is really more of a drama than a documentary, but judging from my appalling ineptness at gardening, if I attempted to transplant it, it would abruptly wither and die on the vine, so I had better leave it where it is. Actually, I do seem to be having an awful lot of trouble with this series. First I get the subject wrong, then I report that last week's episode was the concluding one. In fact, there are four episodes in all and this week's deals with Ben's role as "Ambassador". It's 1776, the American Declaration of Independence has been signed, and Ben and his cronies have to get down to the business of running this fledgling nation. In retrospect, of course, it's easy to see why there are four episodes of this series: Mr. Franklin appears to have done enough to fill four lifetimes, let alone four hours of TV. Last up is Connections on Wednesday. This week the programme traces the evolution and development of travel, from the early beginnings of navigation, (fascinating), through the inventions of the compass and the sextant, (exciting), the more advanced developments of flight and radar, (stupendous), to the invention of the Atom bomb, (horrible). Now you know why this episode has the cheery title "Death In The Morning".

Drama and detectives

By necessity of deadlines I have yet to see the first episode of Missing From Home, (Friday), so cannot make any comment on it, but I can inform you that, shocked as she is at her husband's mysterious disappearance, Allison is going to be even more shocked when she discovers aspects of her dear one's secret life in London. However much of a cad Jerry turns out to be though, Allison can't enjoy the satisfaction of walking out and leaving him, since this is what he appears to have done to her, Bleak House, (Tuesday), is hotting up strongly, and rapidly approaching its conclusion. (Final episode next week). Will Esther recover her looks and her sight? Will her true parentage be revealed? Will the suit of Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce be resolved, and to anyone's satisfaction? Will Horace Skimpole get his richly deserved comeuppance? Will Richard and Ada live happily ever after? As the poet once said: "O dark, dark, dark, amid the blaze of noon, Irrecoverably dark, total eclipse/Without all hope of day!". Altogether brighter and cheerier are the assorted cops and robbers shows. Well, last Monday's Bergerac did get a bit gloomy, with its sad tale of the mousey defector's disillusionment about love, but it has got Francine to bring a smile to one's lips. Since

only a complete dunderhead in the advanced stages of senile dementia would pass up a chance to spend several hours gazing at her wondrous visage, there has to be something definitely wrong when a prospective sitter for one of her portraits cancels the appointment. Add to that a murderous attack on the local priest, and you have the ingredients for a fairly hectic week for Our Hero, Jim. Of course he would find life a lot easier if he just locked up Charlie Hungerford and everyone that he associates with. If there's a villain, he knows Charlie, and Charlie knows, and generally admires him. No wonder Jim divorced Charlie's daughter. To get divorced you first have to be married, which happy estate has yet to bless the daffy duo in Remington Steele, (Wednesday), but they should still manage to gaze longingly into each other's eyes and whisper sweet nothings and film quotes this week as they investigate a branch manager of a big conglomerate suspected of embezzlement, in "A Pocketful Of Steele". Marvellous delights should be in store for this week's episode of Magnum, (Friday), since it introduces another skeleton from the Higgins' family cupboard. This time around it is a female hippy cousin. Will she bake a tray of bash-brownies, and thereby cause Higgins to don strings of beads and traipse about the beach barefoot at dawn, chanting Indian Mantras? I doubt it, but I would dearly love to see it!

Oh, my gosh! I nearly forgot Hotel, on Sunday. That would never do. When we last visited this happy establishment two weeks ago, we were treated to an Indian chieftain breathing his last in the Hotel lobby. Apart from the fact that this incident led to the revelation that Christine's family

tree is possibly even more bizarre and convoluted than Higgins' is, the fact that White Wing Hawk was indulged in as to his chosen spot for expiry was explained as being in accordance with Peter's noble regard for the dignity of the individual human spirit and his inalienable rights. In fact, the reality was probably far more pragmatic, in that Peter saw in the situation a perfect opportunity to double the room rates and still insure full bookings. Such is the twisted nature of certain elements of American society, (and English, come to that), that the St. Gregory was the hottest ticket in town at that period. "Gee, have you heard, there's some dude about to croak in the St. Gregory lobby! Gotta book a suite, and get where the action is, man!" This week Peter's earthly mission leads him to an attempt to reform a young alcoholic. Doubtless he will succeed. "I can't stand any more! I'll join the A.A. right now, if you will just go away and leave me alone! Please!" But all this is as nothing compared to the antics of Christine. Would you believe that she has turned into a sort of baseball groupie, and is chasing after the local team coach? The mind, as they say, boggles.

SATURDAY

8.30 It's Your Move

9.00 Antomania

9.30 Varieties

10.20 Feature Film: Hunters are For Killing

SUNDAY

8.30 Chance In A Million

9.10 Way Of The Warrior

10.20 Hotel

MONDAY

8.30 Three Up, Two Down

9.10 Bergerac

10.20 Benjamin Franklin

TUESDAY

8.30 The Lucy Arnaz Show

9.10 Bleak House

10.20 Feature Film: Red Sundown

WEDNESDAY

8.30 Three's Company

9.10 Connections

10.20 Remington Steele

THURSDAY

8.30 Special tribute to His Majesty The King

9.30 Varieties

10.20 Feature Film: The Railway Children

FRIDAY

8.30 Sara

9.10 Missing From Home

10.20 Magnum



This Thursday, at 8.30, in commemoration of the 50th birthday of His Majesty King Hussein, Channel 6 will screen a special tribute to His Majesty, celebrating his life and reign, his many qualities and achievements, and the developments of The Kingdom during the period.

Now, down to films. Tonight's offering is Hunters Are For Killing, starring the one-time centrefold of Playgirl, Burt Reynolds. Big Burt is at his hooded and taciturn best in this stirring tale of a man accused of murder and trying to prove his innocence, while being persecuted by his stepfather, played by Melvyn Douglas. Tuesday has a 1956 production, Red Sundown, starring Rory Calhoun. Leslie Halliwell describes it thus: "A gunslinger becomes deputy and tames a lawless town. Elementary action piece, not unentertaining." And so, at last, to Thursday, and a fitting adornment for the special day. The Railway Children, made in 1970, is a charming and entertaining film, and one of producer Bryan Forbes' best efforts. Directed by Lionel Jeffries, it stars Dinah Sheridan, Jenny Agutter, Bernard Cribbins and Iain Cuthbertson, and introduced the talent of a very young Sally Thomsett, (later to star in "Bless This House"). It is the story of three Edwardian children and their mother, who move into Yorkshire when their father is imprisoned as a spy, and their adventures on the nearby railway line as they try to prove his innocence.

Well, that's about it, except to say that JTV has apparently got a few more surprises in store for next week for the ongoing celebrations, but they can wait till next Saturday. So, have a nice week, and enjoy the holiday. This Thursday, at 8.30, in commemoration of the 50th birthday of His Majesty King Hussein, Channel 6 will screen a special tribute to His Majesty, celebrating his life and reign, his many qualities and achievements, and the development of The Kingdom during the period.

Feature films

Actually, before I talk about these, there are two other things I have to mention. The first is in the nature of a "Public Warning." Be very careful as to when you eat your dinner on Mondays. Last week's edition of "Craft, Design And Technology," (8.50), a long, lingering look at artificial limbs and how they are covered with "life-like" skin. Of all the moments to choose to be munching on a chicken leg, this had to be one of the worst: The consequences were almost disastrous. The second item is that I have been asked to plug a programme on Channel 3, at 10.15 on Wednesday. The programme in question is "Wrestling." Quite why such a high-minded column as this has to stoop to such depths I am at a loss to explain. I would like to claim that I was forced to via the application of an arm-lock and a half-Nelson, but in fact I was asked very nicely, and so it would be churlish to refuse. So: "Wrestling." Thrill to

Gandhi's Alma Mater celebrates 50 years as India's top school

By Frances Kerry Reuter

DEHRA DUN, India — The 50th anniversary of India's top private school has sparked a debate over whether such an establishment should have a place in a country where nearly two thirds of the population is illiterate.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and about 4,500 other former Doon school pupils — known as "Doscocs" — came from as far away as New York and London to attend celebrations last weekend.

The boarding school, set in 70 acres of lush woodland at the edge of the Himalayan mountains, charges annual fees of 10,000 rupees (\$800), three times per capita income in a country where schooling is still not compulsory.

It vigorously denies charges of elitism, even though the weekend guest list of old boys included a senior government minister, members of parliament, high civil servants, ambassadors, top military men, and dozens of company bosses.

Gandhi, who has pledged to overhaul India's state education system, said in a foreword to a recent school history that he regarded the school as unique in his country.

"The self-confidence it instils is the courage to walk your own road, if necessary alone," he added. "The punishment it teaches is the whiplash of your own conscience."

The number of primary schools in India rose to 500,000 in 1982 from 140,000 at independence in 1947, with the percentage of children of primary school age enrolled rising to 83 per cent from around 35 per cent.

But India's literacy rate is still only 36 per cent — up from 16 per cent — and state schools tend to suffer chronic shortages of equipment like chalk and even buildings. Some Delhi schools are even housed in tents.

Beyond primary school, fees for state education are nominal, but many middle-class children are sent to private day schools, which cost around 2,000 rupees (\$160) a year.

Ever since its founding by Calcutta lawyer Satish Das, Doon School has aimed to balance the privileged backgrounds of many of its pupils by teaching them to be socially aware and attacking caste and religious barriers.

Boys forget their opulent homes by doing social work in nearby villages. They dig drains to learn "the dignity of labour" and climb mountains to endure physical hardship.

They wait on each other at table and make their own beds. They are not allowed money or any luxury which would distinguish a Maharaja's son from a boy on a scholarship.

When India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, sent his grandsons Rajiv and Sanjay Gandhi there in the mid-1950s, there

were no special privileges. When Nehru visited Dehra Dun, his request to take the boys to lunch was refused.

Eschewing pillow-fights and tug of wars staged for old times' sake, Gandhi told reporters that returning to Doon felt like coming home, and in an interview with the school magazine revealed he had sometimes escaped class to go and watch movies.

The school's present headmaster, Gulab Ramchandani, an old boy himself, describes Rajiv Gandhi as a typical Doon product. "He's got this sense of values, clean behaviour, courage," he said. "He's self-reliant and practical."

Ramchandani was angry over a recent spate of press articles accusing Doon of elitism. The school's fees are lower than in many other Indian private schools and about a quarter of Doon's 558 pupils are on scholarships. Entry is by a tough examination, with no concessions for the sons of old boys.

The headmaster was also irritated by charges that India is run by a "Doon School mafia." Gandhi's close school friend Arun Singh is Minister of State for Defence and the prime minister has three "Doscocs" in his secretariat. "They are all there because of their abilities," he said.

But there is an "old boy network," whose workings Gandhi described during the celebrations.

"The plus point is that things can be done very smoothly," the prime minister said. "The highest minus factor is that it tends to destroy any system by cutting across all the proper communication channels."

The school was founded before India's independence and the creation of Pakistan, and old boys from across the border — including the governor of Pakistan's Punjab province — attended the celebrations. In a special tea party with the Pakistanis, Gandhi discussed the often strained relations between two nations which have fought three wars in the past 38 years.

"We talked like old boys. We want to be friends," Gandhi told reporters. He said the two countries should break the barrier artificially created by independence, and he promised "no lack of effort on India's part."

The celebrations fell at a sensitive time. Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi's mother and predecessor as prime minister, was assassinated on October 31 last year. More than 2,000 Sikhs died in ensuing riots, and one Sikh old boy wrote to the school saying this was not the time for drinking cocktails.

Security at the celebrations was tight, and officials even took the precaution of installing a hospital complete with blood of Gandhi's group. Vats of curry were checked for concealed weapons and food samples tested for poison.

Tell Umm Hammad dig helps clarify two of Jordan's ancient enigmas

Recent excavations at Tell Umm Hammad in the Jordan Valley helped clarify important issues of Jordan/Palestine ancient history. In the following article of a two-part series, Rami Khouri explores the finds.

Text and photos
By Rami G. Khouri
Special to the Jordan Times

NEW INFORMATION from two seasons of excavations at a 100-year-old village site in the central Jordan Valley may help

clarify two of the most problematic periods in the ancient history of Jordan/Palestine.

These were the transition period between the Chalcolithic and Early Bronze ages (at the turn of the 4th/3rd Millennium B.C.), and the Early Bronze IV period, which

Kathleen Kenyon called the EB/MB period (around 2300-2000 B.C.).

Excavations at Tell Umm Hammad by Dr. Svend Helms of the Institute of Archaeology, London, have established the site's human occupation in antiquity, and thus have started to clarify important aspects of cultural developments and demographic movements that took

place here during both of those problematic periods.

The site is located near the confluence of the Zerga and Jordan rivers, and is composed of three distinct areas. Tell Umm Hammad esh-Sharqiya (east) and Tell Umm Hammad el Gharbiya (west) villages form an arc-shaped settlement measuring about one kilometre long by 300-400 metres wide, on the north bank of a large bend in the Zerga River. The extent of the site was firmly determined by a series of soundings.

Less than a kilometre to the south is the E.B. IV period Tiwal esh-Sharqi cemetery, which was investigated respectively by Dr. Helms and Mr. Jonathan Tubb of the British Museum.

Tell Umm Hammad was first surveyed in 1942 by the American archaeologist Nelson Glueck. Professor James Mellaart sounded the eastern village site in 1953, and the entire complex was again shored by the 1975 survey of the Jordan Valley by Moawiyah Ibrahim, James Sauer and Kheir Yassine.

Dr. Helms had several specific objectives when he excavated Tell Umm Hammad in 1982 and 1984:

(1) to determine whether a ceramic, typological connection existed between Tell Umm Hammad and the late 4th Millennium city site of Jawa, 150 kilometres to the east in the black basalt desert of north-east Jordan. Dr. Helms had excavated Jawa during four sea-

sons in 1972-76;

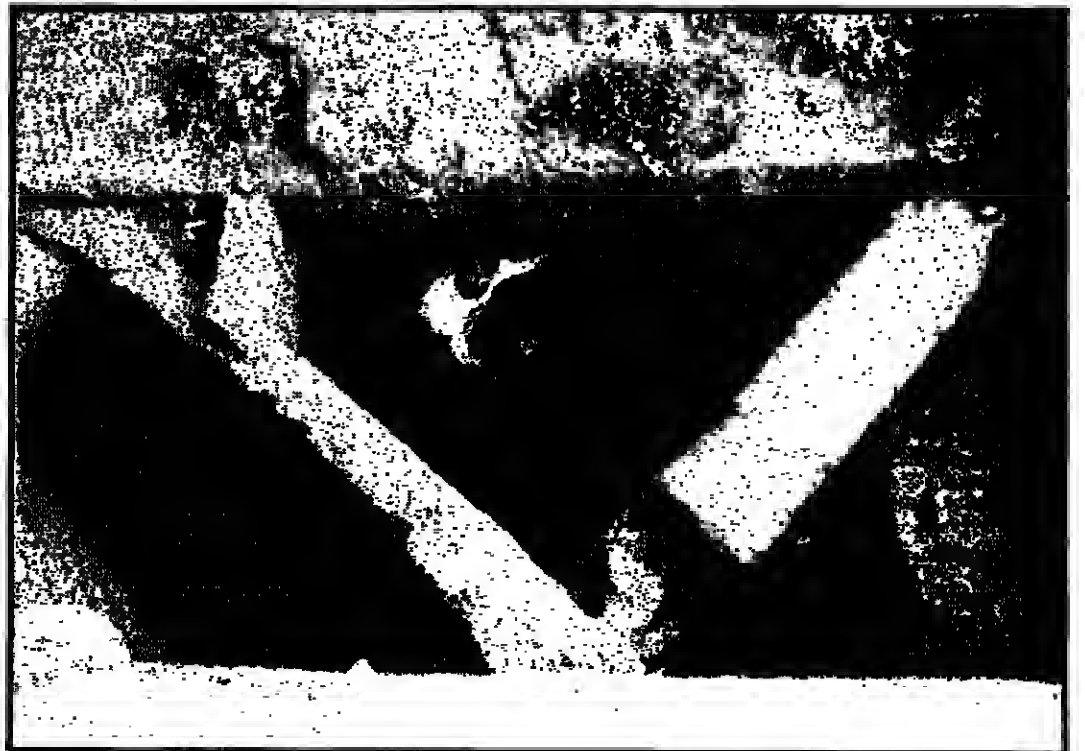
(2) to establish a clear ceramic chronology for Tell Umm Hammad and see how this related to the established typology for Syria/Jordan/Palestine in the enigmatic transition period between the late Chalcolithic and the Early Bronze ages; and

(3) to relate the ceramic chronology and evidence for a settled village at Tell Umm Hammad to apparently conflicting evidence of nomadism/settled villages in Jordan/Palestine during the E.B. IV period, at the end of the 3rd Millennium B.C.

Dr. Helms' excavations proved far richer and more rewarding than he had expected from the pottery remains visible on the surface of the ground. He showed the site was occupied almost continuously from the Late Chalcolithic period (around 3500-3400 B.C.) to the end of the Early Bronze Age (2000 B.C.), with only a few breaks in between.

The site seems to have been first settled at the very end of the Chalcolithic period and the start of Early Bronze I, around 3400-3200 B.C., or immediately after the demise of the important Chalcolithic site of Teleilat Ghassul, further south in the valley.

This earliest settlement at Tell Umm Hammad, measuring around 600 x 200 metres, was a quite densely settled agricultural village near the banks of the Zerga River. Nearly four metres of continuous



Dr. Svend Helms kneels among the remains of the late 3rd Millennium BC EB IV village at Tell Umm Hammad, while in the foreground below him can be

seen portions of straight and curvilinear walls from the earlier villages dating from the late 4th Millennium B.C.

occupation from this period revealed limited architecture, including rounded structures, thought to be houses, made of mud-bricks on stone foundations.

From E.B. IA levels (around 3300-3250 B.C.), the site produced pottery shapes and stamp seal impressions on vessels that are identical to vessels from Jawa. This not only firmly dated Jawa to the late 4th Millennium B.C., but also suggested that pottery forms from Jawa and the central Jordan Valley "shared a common source."

Not all the pottery forms from Jawa appear at Tell Umm Hammad, so one cannot talk for sure about a physical link between the two sites, such as trade or migration routes. But the stylistic links between the two ceramic repertoires are very clear, suggesting to Dr. Helms that "the common source for this pottery must be north of the Yarmouk River, in the area of the Hauran, Damascus and southern Syria."

The possibility of direct links, however, cannot be ruled out. Distinctive "Jawa ware" has been

identified at three other villages surveyed by Glueck in the Zerga triangle area of the valley; at Tell el Meghaniyeh, on the Zerga River some 50 kilometres east of Tell Umm Hammad; and perhaps also at some recently surveyed sites in the lower Zerga basin.

Dr. Helms wonders whether there may have been a late Chalcolithic migration route linking the valley with Jawa and southern Syria, passing from Umm Hammad into the Zerga River basin, to Tell el Meganiyeh, Halahat, Azraq and Jawa.



Helms pictured among some of the curvilinear brick walls from the earliest village at Tell

Umm Hammad, dating from the late 4th Millennium B.C.

Karpov achieves a draw, final game set for today

MOSCOW (R) — Champion Anatoly Karpov produced another grim defensive performance Thursday to draw the 23rd game of his world chess title match with Garri Kasparov, setting the stage for a final showdown on Saturday.

Kasparov leads the 24-game series by 12 points to 11. Karpov will retain his title if he wins the last game, making the match a 12-12 draw. Kasparov needs only a draw to become new champion.

Chess experts say Karpov, who will have the advantage of playing with the white pieces on Saturday, has psychological momentum after Thursday's draw and his victory in game 22.

The 22-year-old challenger Thursday put on a remarkable show of infiltration and strategic pressure, and half way through the 40-move session had built up a commanding position and a 90-minute lead on the time clock.

But the haggard Karpov remained rooted to the board and saved him off with a display of cagey resourcefulness, maintaining his lines of defence.

"He lay in wait like a tiger," one Soviet grandmaster said.

Then when Kasparov's queen and rook wandered afield on moves 37 and 38, Karpov struck, advancing kingside pawns to gain space and guarantee himself a counterplay.

After move 41 Kasparov abandoned his attempt to clinch the title before the last game and offered a draw.

The predominantly pro-Kasparov crowd showed their respect for Karpov's gritty performance by giving him one of his best ovations of the match when he signed his scoresheet.

Zamalek wary of Moroccan coup

RABAT (R) — Morocco's Royal Armed Forces plan a military coup to topple African soccer kings Zamalek of Cairo from their throne in the return leg of their African Champions' Cup semi-final Saturday.

The Egyptians come to Rabat with a single goal lead and will be hard-pressed to fight off the Moroccan soldiers and progress to another final, this time against Zaire's As Bilima, conquerors of Senegal's A.S. Goree in the other semi-final.

In the first leg in Cairo Zamalek hattered in vain at the rock-hard Moroccan defence. Their only

goal came from a controversial second half penalty.

Zamalek manager Hamadah Imam said the key to the return leg in Rabat's Moulay Abdallah stadium (kick off 1500 GMT) would be found in midfield. The Egyptians would go all out for an early goal to deflate some of the Armed Forces' confidence, he added, and rigid man-to-man defence would be essential.

Egyptian press reports quoted Zamalek officials as saying Gamal Abdallah or Said Al Jidi would shadow Morocco's international striker Mohammad Timoumi, who played a key role in Mor-

occo's qualification for the World Cup finals in Mexico next year.

Zamalek are almost certain to be without star defender Ibrahim Youssef, the "Black Gazelle" who pulled a muscle in a home league fixture on Saturday. Veteran midfielder Farouk Janfar is also on the injury list.

Zamalek have made a disastrous start in the Egyptian league. They are seventh of 12 clubs but they have won their last two matches.

For the Royal Armed Forces, the first Moroccan club to go so far in any African Cup, Brazilian coach Jose Faria will again rely on the solid defence and midfield formed by Lemriss, Hamdi, Rmouki, H'cina and Fadili. Timoumi, Chicha, Halim and Khairi will provide a four-pronged attack.

Morocco ousted Egypt in the African Zone World Cup qualifiers, a fact that has bred optimism in Rabat.

"The (Royal Armed Forces) are quite capable of bringing down a Zamalek side not as impressive as they once were. Faria's men have won all the other home matches by a wide margin and they should beat the Caireans. A 2-0 or a 3-1 win is well within their capability," the daily Le Matin said.

Soviet women capture world gymnastics title

MONTREAL (R) — Natalia Yurchenko and Elena Shoushounova, villains of the piece two days ago, were transformed dramatically into heroines Thursday night when the Soviet Union retained the women's team title at the World Gymnastics Championships.

Shoushounova scored a perfect 10 in the floor exercises — one of two awarded during the optional programme — and reigning individual world champion Yurchenko contributed a spectacular 9.95 and a 9.925 as the Russians swept to their ninth team crown.

Romania took the silver, despite some breathtaking work by quadruple Olympic gold medallist Ecaterina Szabo, and East Germany the bronze.

Yurchenko and Shoushounova, the European champions, plunged the Soviets into trouble on Tuesday when they both dropped from the asymmetric bars during their compulsory routines.

But the brilliant pair found their majestic best Thursday night to repair the damage and guide their country to gold.

The Soviet Union piled up 393.375 points out of a possible 400 to complete the double following their triumph in the men's competition Thursday night.

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Tots
Cairo-Amman 0
Nashashibi-Ebbini 0

Jordan Express 0
Alco 0

Juniors
International Traders 1
Isiklal Library 1
Marriott 1

American Express 0
Near East Equipment 0
Sakura 0

Mids
Volvo 1
Astra 4
Ericsson 1

Goodyear 0
Al Ahlyah 1
Peugeot 0

Seniors
Chase Manhattan 2
Jordan Lift 7
Squibb 2

Intercon 0
P.A.C.C. 0
Lego 0

Final League Standings

Tots	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Cairo-Amman	5	3	0	2	11
Alco	5	0	0	5	5
Jordan Express	5	0	1	4	4
Nashashibi-Ebbini	5	0	2	3	3
Juniors					
Sakura	5	3	1	1	10
Marriott	5	2	1	2	8
International Traders	5	2	2	1	7
Isiklal Library	5	1	1	3	6
Near East Equipment	5	1	2	2	5
American Express	5	1	3	1	4
Mids					
Ericsson	5	4	1	0	12
Volvo	5	3	2	0	9
Astra	5	2	2	1	7
Goodyear	5	2	2	1	7
Al Ahlyah	5	1	2	2	5
Peugeot	5	0	3	2	2
Seniors					
Jordan Lift	5	5	0	0	15
Chase Manhattan	5	4	1	0	12
P.A.C.C.	5	2	2	1	7
Squibb	5	2	2	1	7
Lego	5	1	4	0	3
Intercon	5	0	5	0	0

United faces stiff test

LONDON (R) — Rampant Manchester United face what could be their toughest league test yet on Saturday when they are away to third placed Sheffield Wednesday, the only team to beat them in both league matches last season.

Wednesday, despite an erratic patch in September and a bad 1-0 league cup defeat to fourth division Swindon last week, have a record bettered only by United and Liverpool this season.

But they have been un-

redictable, suffering 5-1 thrashings by Everton and Tottenham Hotspur during a dismal four-match spell in September. Their league cup defeat last week was even more agonising.

But a six-match unbeaten run has lifted them into third place in the league, 13 points behind United and three adrift of second placed Liverpool, though detractors would point out their rivals' those contests were hardly among the class clubs.

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One sterling	1.4155/65	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3770/75	Canadian dollars
	2.6225/40	West German marks
	2.9565/85	Dutch guilders
	3.1550/70	Swiss francs
	53.00/05	Belgian francs
	7.9900/50	French francs
	1769/1770	Italian lire
	205.60/80	Japanese yen
	7.8800/50	Swedish crowns
	7.8850/900	Norwegian crowns
	9.4875/925	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	322.00/322.50	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities closed mixed in quiet end of account trading, but recovering from an initial mark-down after buying for the next account, dealers said. The FTSE 100 share index at 1530 GMT was little changed at 1384.0, down 0.4, having dipped to 1377.5 in early business.

Oils remained lower following Thursday's disappointing third quarter results from Royal Dutch Shell. Shares were further depressed by press reports that Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Yamani said an oil price war appears likely next year. Shell and B.P. both shed 7p at 673 and 553 respectively.

Gold shares and North Americans were mixed. Among the leaders, ICI rose 12p to 674. Plessey firmed 4p to 140 after 134. Hawker Siddeley gained 10p to 427 after 413 and Beecham returned to 326 after 318.

Banks were a few pence higher where changed and composite insurers recouped initial losses ahead of the dividend season. Guardian Royal added 2p to 730 after 721.

In breweries, Matthew Brown advanced 32p to 510 on hopes that the bid from Scottish and Newcastle will be cleared by the U.K. Monopolies Commission.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, NOV. 9, 1985

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Eagerness to get a great deal done in conjunction with other persons is all to the good today, except you need to channel your energies so others don't feel they are being pressured by you.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Allies are more than willing to cooperate with you in some joint project as long as you do not pressure them.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Rivet your attention on making your environment more functional and charming. Much of value can be accomplished today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have to prepare carefully if you are to enjoy the pleasures you have in mind. Calm yourself and then you can have a good time.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Home and family should be first on the agenda today and much can be accomplished there.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Getting in touch with as many allies as you can in the outside world and working together energetically can bring fine results today.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Don't argue over money or property during the daytime, and tonight you know just how to handle the matter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Plan how to handle some responsibility and don't try to wriggle out of it by evening if it is nicely settled.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You want to get at the bottom of some puzzling situation, but do so quietly for best results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You could resent what others are expecting of you, but don't lose your temper and all works out fine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't permit an outside matter to get your back up and study it objectively to get best results with it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A fascinating friend wants to take you on a little trip today and if it means gathering information you need, do so.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You are anxious to get more done than is feasible, so schedule your time and energies wisely and you do well enough.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she can assimilate early and easily with other persons and can be very popular, but teach the importance of having a career in order to make the life really worthwhile. One who can easily handle whatever work requires precision and tact.

Abu Dhabi considers issuing treasury bills

ABU DHABI (R) — The Gulf emirate of Abu Dhabi, hit by falling oil income, is studying the possibility of issuing treasury bills to raise cash and stimulate local investment, a senior finance official said Thursday.

If realised, it would be the first such move in the Gulf.

Abu Dhabi Finance Department Undersecretary Juan Salem Al Dhahiri told Reuters such a scheme would help finance the emirate's budget deficit and stem a growing outflow of capital caused by a lack of local investment opportunities.

Abu Dhabi, wealthiest of the seven emirates making up the United Arab Emirates (UAE), now earns less than half in the level of its 1981 oil revenues because of falling demand for its oil.

Last year, the emirate recorded a 1.5 billion dirham (\$400 million) budget deficit and a similar one is expected this year. The deficits are financed by short-term borrowing from state-owned local banks, mainly the National Bank of Abu Dhabi.

"The opportunities available for big investors, especially banks and other financial institutions, are very limited in this country, so we have been looking at the setting up of a capital market," Sheikh Salem said.

Studies concluded the market could absorb as much as three billion dirhams (\$817 million) in six-month and one-year treasury bills, he said.

"There is a lot of liquidity in the market. If not tapped, the danger is that the capital outflow from the country will continue, at a great loss to the economy and the investor," he added.

UAE commercial banks increased their net foreign assets 129 per cent during 1984 to 24.3 billion dirhams (\$6.6 billion).

Sheikh Salem termed the studies "preliminary" and said it had not been decided whether to proceed.

"We are in no urgent need for this kind of capital-raising," he noted.

He said the scheme would involve a secondary market in which the bills could be traded. Target investors would be insurance companies and the 19 local and 29 foreign banks in the UAE.

The issue would give Abu Dhabi authorities a new tool of monetary control. Currently, the UAE central bank can influence interest rates only by changing bank reserve requirements and through its swap facility with commercial banks.

Earlier this year, the central bank began offering certificates of deposit in a first step to develop dirham-denominated financial instruments.

But bankers say response to the certificates of deposit has been lukewarm because of unattractive yields, set slightly below interbank deposit rates, and the lack of a secondary market.

Sheikh Salem said yields on the Abu Dhabi treasury bills would be "very attractive."

He said the plan could help spur development of a capital market by encouraging firms to issue their own bonds.

It could also pave the way for establishment of a stock market, proposed in the early 1980s but shelved when recession and the 1982 Souk Al Manakh crash in Kuwait undermined confidence in local shares.

TOKYO (R) — Confusion gripped Tokyo's foreign exchange market Friday as the dollar fought back against the yen and dealers struggled to make sense of apparently conflicting moves from Japan's monetary authorities.

"I don't think even the foreign exchange traders know where the yen is going," one stockbroker said after the dollar rose to close at 207.25 yen in Tokyo from Thursday's 202.55 finish.

The dollar had hit a five-year low of 202.20 during Thursday's trading and many dealers said it seemed poised to crash below 200 yen.

But the market was thrown into uncertainty by conflicting signals sent out by Japanese monetary officials.

Finance Minister Noboru Takemitsu said Friday morning he was satisfied with the yen's latest levels, a remark dealers described as premature in a basically nervous market. It sent traders, their portfolios stuffed with yen, out to buy dollars.

Late in the day the Bank of Japan tried to stop the yen slide which the minister had encouraged. It pushed up yen short-term interest rates and sold dollars

for yen.

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Yamani expects very violent oil price fluctuations next year

HONG KONG (Agencies) — An oil price war appears likely next year that could send crude prices temporarily below \$20 a barrel, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani said in an interview published Friday.

He told the International Herald Tribune in Jeddah the price war could be averted if the 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and non-OPEC producers cooperated by restraining production before an expected seasonal fall in demand next spring or summer.

But Sheikh Yamani said that non-OPEC producers did not seem ready for such cooperation and that could lead to "very violent" fluctuations in price.

Sheikh Yamani said prices could fall below \$20 during the summer but then surge to present levels or higher in winter.

World prices are currently running at around the OPEC marker of \$28 a barrel.

"I think — it's only my expectation — that probably for the first summer they (non-OPEC producers) will not take it seriously and they will go into a price war," he was quoted as saying.

"Maybe the summer of 1987 is the time they will realise the facts of life."

He said Saudi Arabia was determined to keep production near its OPEC quota of 4.35 million barrels per day (b/d) and estimated output this month would be about four million b/d compared with a 20-year low of about two million last summer.

Sheikh Yamani said Saudi Arabia would no longer reduce its production unilaterally to support prices.

"We abandoned the policy of carrying the burden alone," he was quoted as saying.

He said that for the time being Saudi Arabia did not intend to exceed its quota but if other OPEC members continued to

exceed theirs, his country would be free to do the same.

"Our policy is that if it's free for some, it's free for all," he was quoted as saying.

Sheikh Yamani said OPEC must increase its market share and he predicted that an oil price war would achieve that end.

He said prices this winter would be stable to slightly higher but expected downward pressure to return by the spring.

Saudi Arabia was considering ways of giving some form of market-related price to Japanese customers who have begun switching to cheaper supplies from Iraq and Iran, he said.

Japanese companies so far have been excluded from netback sales, which base crude prices on the market value of refined products, because their government artificially sets oil-product prices, he was quoted as saying.

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He noted the figure had almost doubled as a result of the entry on the world oil market of an extra 7.5 million b/d produced by non-OPEC countries during 1973-1984.

He said the present oil market situation and OPEC's lower output had affected the overall balance of payments position of the organisation's member countries.

Following substantial surpluses in 1980-1981, for the first time OPEC had experienced a deficit of around \$8 billion in 1982, which rose to around \$17 billion in 1983.

Dr. Al Chalabi recalled that OPEC revenues as a whole had fallen from \$280 billion in 1981 to \$120 billion today.

Output ran at year's high in October, IFA says

Meanwhile, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said Friday in Paris that crude oil output by OPEC members rose sharply in October to its highest monthly average this year following a marked jump in Saudi Arabian production.

OPEC produced an average 17 million b/d in October compared with 14.9 million in the third quarter of the year, the agency's monthly report said.

Only in North America did demand in the third quarter remain close to levels a year earlier.

The Agency predicted a modest further reduction in demand for OECD oil next year compared with 1985, but said major uncertainties included the extent of further improvements in oil use efficiency and the impact of lower crude prices and currency fluctuations on consumption.

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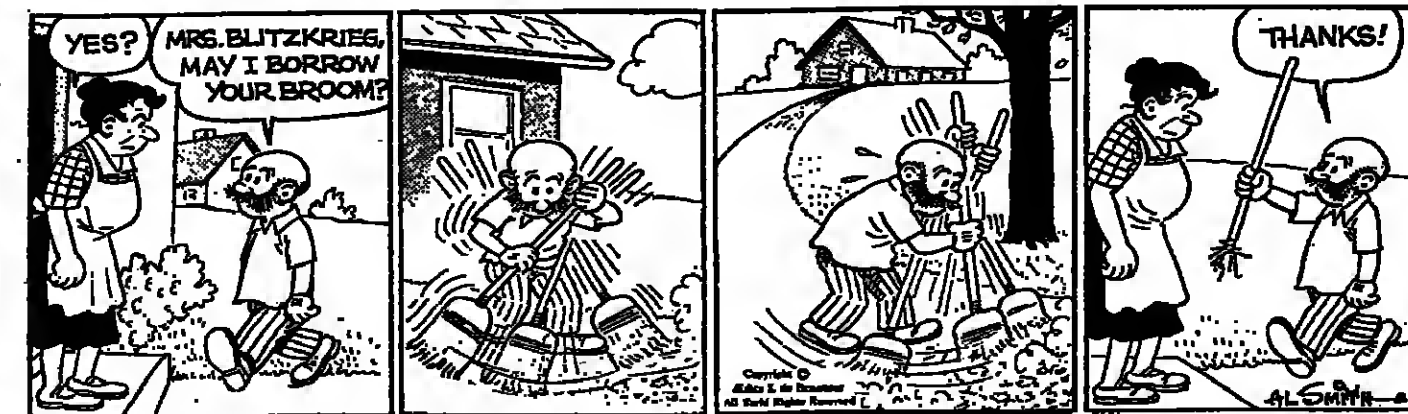
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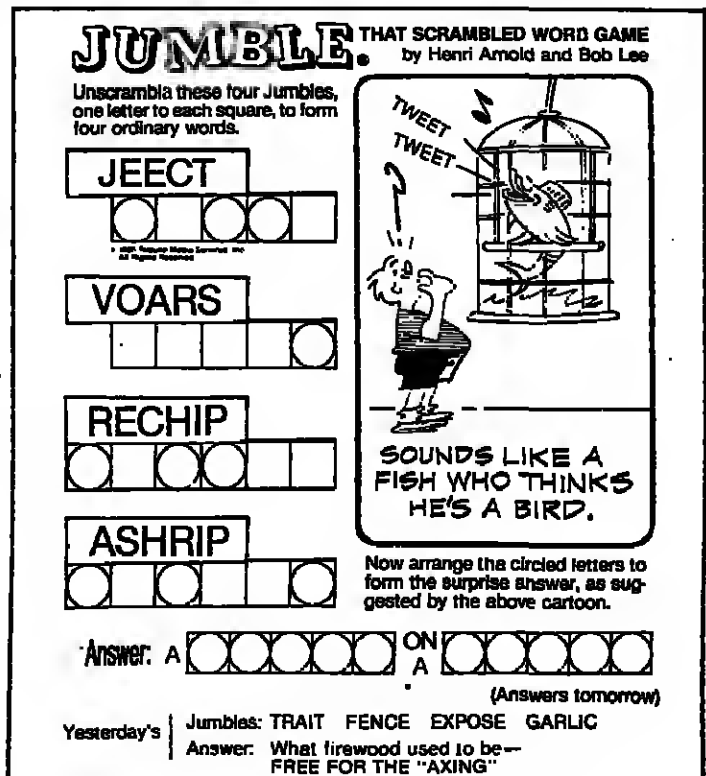
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Police search for killers in Golden Temple complex

NEW DELHI (R) — Police entered the Sikhs' Golden Temple complex in Amritsar to search for the Sikh extremist killers of a policeman, the United News of India (UNI) news agency said Friday.

It was the first reported raid on the Sikhs' holiest shrine since the new chief minister of Punjab state vowed on Sept. 30 to stop security forces entering it.

UNI said police arrested Sikh student leader Mukhinder Singh Sandhu in a pre-dawn raid Thursday and questioned him about the killing of a policeman in Amritsar on Wednesday.

The Hindustan Times newspaper said the policemen were plainclothes.

Chief Minister Surjit Singh Barnala, whose moderate Sikh party Akali Dal won a state election in September, has been criticised by the ousted Congress (I) Party for promising to halt police raids.

Security forces have entered the temple several times since the army stormed it in June 1984 to flush out extremists fighting for a separate Sikh nation.

Meanwhile in Vancouver, Canada, two Sikhs were due to appear in court Thursday on unspecified explosives charges as a probe continues into an Air India crash that

killed 329 people and a blast that killed two baggage handlers.

A police spokesman said when the men were charged that details of the charges would be given in court.

A police source said the two Sikh activists, one of whom was the founder of an extreme fundamentalist Sikh group, are expected to be linked to the explosion at Tokyo's Narita Airport on June 23, the same day of the Air India crash.

The Air India jet, carrying mostly Canadians of East Indian descent, was on a flight to India from Canada when it crashed off the coast of Ireland.

The luggage that exploded in Tokyo killing two Japanese baggage handlers was from a Vancouver CP Air flight. The Vancouver area is home to Canada's largest Sikh community.

The two Sikhs were remanded in police custody and others were also questioned after police raided several homes in the Vancouver area and a Sikh temple on nearby Vancouver Island on Wednesday.

Police spokesmen have said their investigation will cover both the Air India crash and the Tokyo airport explosion.

News of the arrests came as the Press Trust of India reported in New Delhi Thursday that wreckage salvaged from the airliner off the coast of Ireland supported a theory that the plane was destroyed by a bomb. But they said the theory was still being investigated.

The accused were named by police as Talwinder Singh Parmar and Inderjit Singh Reyat.

Parmar has been a Canadian citizen since 1975 and is the founder of the Babar Khalsa fundamentalist group dedicated to the formation of a separate Sikh state, Khalistan.

He had been questioned previously following the deaths of two policemen in India. In May 1983 he was taken into custody in West Germany and released 15 months later when Indian authorities failed to have him extradited.

Parmar has consistently denied any knowledge of the cause of the Air India crash and has complained of police harassment.

Reyat was arrested at a Sikh temple as an evening prayer service was about to begin.

S. African editor charged with quoting Tambo

CAPE TOWN (R) — Leading South African newspaper editor Tony Heard, who on Monday published an interview with a black guerrilla leader, was charged Friday under the internal security act with quoting a banned person.

Heard, who was escorted by security police from his office at the Cape Times to a local police station, was not asked to plead when he appeared in a magistrate's court.

The Cape Times on Monday published a lengthy interview conducted by Heard in London with Oliver Tambo, leader of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla group which is fighting to topple white rule in South Africa.

Heard was released on a warning to appear in court again on Dec. 9. He was told by Magistrate J.C. Tolken that further charges might be added.

Mr. Tambo, like other leading black activists such as Winnie Mandela, is banned, a unique South African gagging system under which they cannot be quoted without the permission of Law and Order Minister Louis Le Grange.

The Cape Times said when it printed the interview that it was "a contribution to peaceful solutions in South Africa in a matter of overwhelming public importance."

The article was the first substantial interview with Mr. Tambo published in South Africa since the ANC was banned a quarter of a century ago.

Mr. Tambo was quoted in the interview as urging Pretoria to create a climate for talks with the ANC.

"There is always a possibility of a truce... it would be very, very easy, if, for example, we started negotiations," he said, but added that before they could take place ANC leader Nelson Mandela would have to be released.

Mr. Mandela, husband of Winnie Mandela, was jailed more than 20 years ago in the Cape Town for plotting to overthrow the government.

Bogota courts' siege ends, 50 killed

BOGOTA (R) — Colombian security forces using armoured cars, rockets and tear gas overran leftist rebels entrenched in the Bogota law courts to end a 27-hour siege in which at least 50 people died.

About 500 troops and police, some dropped on the roof of the building by helicopter, overcame fierce resistance from the rebels of the M-19 Movement Thursday in their fourth assault on the building.

Officials said eight judges, including Supreme Court President Alfonso Reyes, were killed by the rebels and three policemen died.

Radio stations quoted police as saying the rebel force which seized the building on Wednesday numbered about 40 and none had been taken alive.

Some had died during the bloody battle for control of the building and the rest, including rebel Chief Andres Almarales, had committed suicide rather than be captured.

The stations said four soldiers were killed during the fighting, which destroyed large sections of the law courts in central Bogota.

Army officials said the courts,

parts of which were gutted by fire during the fighting, would have to be completely rebuilt because only the supporting columns were still intact.

The rebels, calling themselves the 'Ivan Marino Ospina commando' after an M-19 military chief killed by troops in August, entered the building by disguising themselves as police and driving into the basement car park in a bus.

They seized about 200 hostages and demanded access to the media to publicise their criticism of government attempts to agree truces with leftist rebels.

They also demanded that President Belisario Betancur come to the law courts to negotiate but hours before the final assault he ruled out any deal with the rebels.

On Wednesday night Reyes predicted his own death in an emotional telephone call to Caracol Radio Station. "We are surrounded," he said. "The guerrillas are willing to negotiate but if there is no ceasefire we will all die."

Most of the hostages were released during the course of the siege but 48, some of them wounded, were still in the building when the final assault came.

The colonial-style square in front of the four-storey court building was turned into a battleground by the attempts to dislodge the rebels.

Apart from Almarales, four other top M-19 leaders died in the siege.

Almarales was a co-founder of the 15-year-old rebel army which takes its name from April 19, the date of elections in 1970 which it says were rigged.

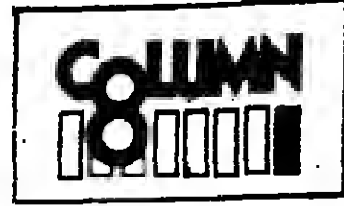
Betancur pledged in 1982 to end endemic violence and M-19 signed a truce with the government last year but took up arms again last June — 10 months after the truce.

President Belisario Betancur took full responsibility for the assault in a televised speech and said he would continue to seek peace with guerrilla groups.

"Our national unity has received a blow, but it is stronger than ever," he said.

He said he had tried everything possible to end the siege peacefully but the government could not negotiate the respectability of its institutions.

"We could not yield to this kind of lawless pressure, nor will we do so in the future," he said.



Drug trafficker sentenced to death

CAIRO (R) — A court in Alexandria sentenced a Lebanese man to the gallows in absentia for drug smuggling, the first time the death sentence has been passed on a trafficker in Egypt. The Middle East News Agency named the man as Emile Yan and said he had attempted to smuggle 16 tonnes of hashish into Egypt last November. His whereabouts was not known.

Bank robbery ends in suicide

FRANKFURT, West Germany (R) — A bank robber shot himself through the head Friday after realising he had carried out a raid opposite a police station. Police said an unidentified man of about 50 shot himself while making off with 15,000 marks (\$5,800) from the branch of a savings bank. Witnesses said the robber turned his gun on himself when confronted by police called from the station across the road. The man died soon afterwards in hospital.

Gold bars found in plane's toilet

KARACHI (R) — Gold bars weighing 35 kilograms were found in a toilet of a Pakistani airliner, customs officials have said. They said they had arrested three people believed to have travelled aboard Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) DC-10 flight from London to Islamabad via Amsterdam and Istanbul and to have concealed the gold in an attempt to smuggle it into Pakistan. A PIA ground engineer and a janitor at Islamabad airport found the gold in a plastic bag when they tried to repair a faulty toilet.

India builds its own 'Disneyland'

NEW DELHI (R) — India is building its own Disneyland-style amusement park on an island off the south coast, the Press Trust of India (PTI) has said. It said the park, costing nearly \$100 million, would be completed by March next year on a 1,000-acre (410-hectare) site on Ennore Island off the Madras coast. The park patterned after Disneyland parks in the United States and Japan, would offer modern electronic entertainment as well as traditional Indian cultural shows.

Sammy Davis Jr. to undergo surgery

LOS ANGELES (R) Entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. 59, will undergo an operation on Monday to reconstruct a hip, a publicity agent has said. Davis, who injured himself while filming "Alice in Wonderland" for television last summer, is in excellent condition, said the spokesman. Louisia McLean, Davis' entered Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles last Friday, a night after opening at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas.

Faith healer jailed for killing woman

MBABANE (R) — A Swaziland faith healer who killed a woman with scolding water believing he was exorcising her of a devil was given a one year jail sentence. Michael Sifundza pleaded guilty to culpable homicide for the death a year ago of Thandi Dlamini. A witness said that Sifundza and his followers forced Dlamini to kneel in front of a bowl of scalding water and covered her in a blanket as large stones heated in a fire were thrown into the bowl. As Dlamini screamed in pain, Sifundza and the group continued the "treatment" thinking the devil was screaming to get out of her, the witness added. Dlamini later died in hospital from extensive burns.

Joan Collins marries for 4th time

LOS ANGELES (R) — British actress Joan Collins, 52-year-old star of the "Dynasty" television series, quietly married 38-year-old Swedish businessman Peter Holm in a Las Vegas "instant wedding" chapel. It was the fourth marriage for Collins, who was given a half-inch (1.3 cm) wedding ring inlaid with diamonds by Holm to go with the four-carat diamond of her engagement ring. Collins, who earns \$1.5 million a year playing the elegant, bitchy Alexis Carrington in Dynasty, met the tall, blond Holm at a London party in July, 1983, and the couple have been going together since.

Party approves early Filipino polls

MANILA (R) — President Ferdinand Marcos has said he would send a special cabinet bill to the National Assembly next week calling for elections on Jan. 17 for a president and vice-president.

He also said he would submit a letter of resignation to be effective after the winner was proclaimed and took the oath of office.

Mr. Marcos was speaking to reporters after the ruling New Society Movement (KBL) formally approved his decision, announced on Sunday, to call an election almost 18 months before his present six-year term of office is due to expire. His surprise announcement followed increasing concern about the Philippines' stability in face of a growing Communist insurgency and continued U.S. calls for military, economic and political reforms.

Mr. Marcos, 68, has been in power for 20 years, including nine under martial law.

"The inclusion of what is effectively a post-dated letter of resignation appeared to be a way of avoiding a constitutional provision that the president must be removed from office through resignation, death, incapacitation or impeachment before a new election can be called."

Mr. Marcos said the bill probably would be sent to the KBL-dominated assembly next Tuesday, the day after it returns from a recess.

"The mechanism for the Jan. 17 election will be through a cabinet bill... that will be introduced by the Political Affairs Minister (Leonardo Perez)," Mr. Marcos said.

"I will submit a letter of res-

ignation that will be effective after the proclamation (of the winner) and the taking of the oath of office after the election," he said.

Mr. Marcos said he would send the assembly "a letter which will spell it out, including the letter of resignation."

The KBL also approved his request that he be allowed to choose his vice-presidential running-mate, a post that was dropped in the constitution he introduced while ruling under martial law. The choice, Mr. Marcos said, "is still wide open."

He said he did not know what the opposition was demanding in return for agreeing to the election bill. But Deputy Prime Minister Jose Rono would be meeting the opposition "to determine what they want."

U.S. Senate staff to try again to see Soviet seaman

WASHINGTON (R) — Lawyers representing the United States Senate were expected to make a second attempt to have a Soviet seaman who jumped ship in New Orleans last month, appear before a Senate panel in Washington.

U.S. customs officials have said they were prepared to block departure of the Soviet grain vessel Marshall Konev unless its skipper allowed crew member Miroslav Mevid ashore to appear before the Senate Agriculture Committee next week.

Mevid, 22, was forcibly returned kicking and screaming to the ship by U.S. immigration officials after he jumped overboard and swam ashore on Oct. 24.

Two aides from the Senate panel boarded the vessel near New Orleans late Thursday to serve Mevid with subpoenas calling on him to appear before the Senate committee, but were rebuffed.

"The captain has indicated that he has been instructed by his government not to accept our subpoena or to let us interview Mevid until officials from the Soviet

embassy in Washington get down here," committee aide Terrance Wear told reporters.

The ship's captain told the aides to come back when the embassy officials were present, Wear said. On Thursday, a Romanian merchant seaman who jumped ship in Florida was granted asylum in the United States.

The U.S. Justice Department said political asylum had been granted to Stefan Vranca, 38, who fled from a merchant vessel docked at Jacksonville, Florida. Details of his defection remained sketchy.

Duke Austin, spokesman for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS), said Vranca was released from federal custody after being questioned by authorities to make sure he wanted to defect.

A government immigration source in Florida said the INS handled Vranca's case with "extreme caution" because of the embarrassment the government suffered last month when the Soviet sailor, Miroslav Mevid, was returned to his vessel.

Tamil guerrillas kill 15 people in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (R) — Tamil separatist guerrillas launched major attacks on civilians in Sri Lanka Thursday killing at least 15 including 10 children, the Defence Ministry said.

A spokesman told Reuters the worst attack was on a Sinhalese village in Nimalawatte near the port of Trincomalee on the east coast where guerrillas gunned down 10 children and an old man and a woman. They also set 15 houses on fire.

Hours before the raid, the guerrillas who are fighting for a Tamil state in the north and east, blew up a landmine under a bus killing

three people.

The attacks were made as guerrilla groups met Indian Foreign Secretary Ramesh Bhandari in New Delhi in a fresh attempt to end Sri Lanka's communal conflict in which more than 2,000 people have died in the past two years.

The umbrella Eelam National Liberation Front guerrilla organisation discussed aspects of the conflict with Bhandari, including a Sri Lankan proposal to hold a referendum on the militants' demands.

An ENLF spokesman said the militants had rejected the idea

Gorbachev reviews Revolution Day parade

MOSCOW (R) — Mikhail Gorbachev reviewed his first Revolution Day parade as Soviet leader Thursday, watching troops, tanks, missile-carriers and banner-waving citizens stream through Red Square in light rain.

Defence Minister Sergei Sokolov, standing beside the Communist Party leader on top of Lenin's Mausoleum, took the salute before telling the crowd that Moscow was striving to limit the growth of the nuclear threat.

The parade took place two weeks before Mr. Gorbachev is

due to meet President Reagan in Geneva but none of the nuclear arms they will discuss appeared in the parade.

Instead, a continuous line of mostly conventional weapons on their carriers rumbled by under the Kremlin wall, filling the vast, cobbled square with exhaust fumes.

Western military attaches noted three pieces of equipment not seen in a November Red Square parade before.

They were the SA-13 low-altitude missile system for pro-

tecting mechanised divisions, the SS-21 mobile theatre support missile, which replaces the outdated Frog-7, and a new self-propelled Howitzer.

The main Soviet battle tank, the T-72, first seen on parade in 1982, appeared together with the Skud-B missile.

The parade was the climax of celebrations marking the 68th anniversary of the Communist take-over. The October Revolution of 1917 is celebrated in November because the calendar has since changed.

Bomb explodes at Chilean police HQ

SANTIAGO, Chile (Agencies) — A car loaded with dynamite exploded early Friday in front of the headquarters of the secret police, causing some damage, but there were no reports of injuries.

The explosion was heard in the downtown area of this capital city and witnesses said windows in the building were broken.

The government issued no information about the attack but local radio stations and witnesses said the explosion was in front of the building housing the National Information Centre.

The centre is headquarters for the secret police. A taxi driver, speaking on condition he not be named, said he saw an ambulance departing from the building minutes after the explosion.

Meanwhile, President Augusto Pinochet replaced a member of his military Junta in a top-level shake-up of the Chilean army, the day after a new round of violent protest in which four people were shot dead.

The changes, the most far-reaching of his 12 years in power, were announced in an army com-

munique read on state television Thursday night.

But government sources said the changes had been brewing for several weeks and were not directly linked to the latest bout of anti-government demonstrations in which at least 100 people were injured during disturbances in 10 cities.

Junta member Gen. Cesar Raul Benavides, 65, the second most senior officer in the army after Gen. Pinochet, is to step down on Dec. 1. Only last month, he vehemently denied press reports that he would resign due to ill-health.

Since 1981, he has been Mr. Pinochet's personal representative on the four-man body, which acts as the country's legislature and also includes the commanders-in-chief of the navy, air force and para-military police.

Gen. Pinochet himself, who turns 70 this month, is the army commander-in-chief and has all executive power as president.

Gen. Benavides' departure from the junta comes just three months after Gen. Cesar Mendoza, head of the para-military

police, resigned over allegations that members of his force murdered three Communists last March.

Gen. Pinochet named the army's deputy commander-in-chief, Gen. Julio Caneasa, 60, to succeed Gen. Benavides on the junta and replaced him with Gen. Santiago Sinclair.

Gen. Sinclair is currently secretary-general of the presidency, effectively Gen. Pinochet's personal chief of staff, controlling access to the president and the flow of paper across his desk.

Sources close to the military said Gen. Sinclair was due to have retired at the end of the year and the changes may have been prompted by his desire to remain in active service.

Other changes bring Gen. Sergio Badiola, currently head of the government's sports body, back into the army mainstream as head of operations.

Gen. Badiola was army aide-de-camp to the late Salvador Allende, who died in the 1973 coup which brought Gen. Pinochet to power.

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TEST YOUR TECHNIQUE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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The bidding:

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Opening lead: King of ♠.

Here's a chance to test your

technique. How would you plan to

play four hearts by South after the

lead of the king of diamonds?

North-South were using one of

the more useful modern conven-

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North's bid of two diamonds show-

ed five cards or more in the next

higher-ranking suit. South duly

"corrected" to hearts, and North

bid game.

Against four hearts, West made

his natural lead of the king of

diamonds. One line is to win, draw

trumps and take two finesses in

spades. That succeeds whenever

East has one of the spade honors,

which will occur about 76 percent

of the time.

A better line is to hope to strip

the minor suits and try for an end

play. Suppose you win the ace of

diamonds and ruff a diamond. Draw

two rounds of trumps, ending in

hand, and ruff the remaining dia-

mond. East can foil this plan by win-

ning the first club you concede and

shifting to a spade. No matter what

you do, you will have to surrender

two spades and two clubs because

East can win the second club and

return another spade.

Winning technique is to combine

the end play with a duck at trick

one. Allow West to win the king of

diamonds. Since he cannot continue

diamonds without presenting de-

clared with a second trick in the

suit, West must shift. Let's assume

he leads a club. Win